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VIZ SELECT

ADDITIONALLY, THE COPIOUS DEPOSITS OF VOLCANIC ASH BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE LINGERING VOLCANIC SMOKE HAVE PARALYZED THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.
ACCORDING TO EXPERTS...
THESE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO CLIMB DAILY.
THE OFFICIAL DEATH TOLL FROM THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION OF MOUNT FUJI NOW STANDS AT 9,125, WITH 25,427 STILL REPORTED MISSING.

Subject

Mizuki, it's me, Sorahito.

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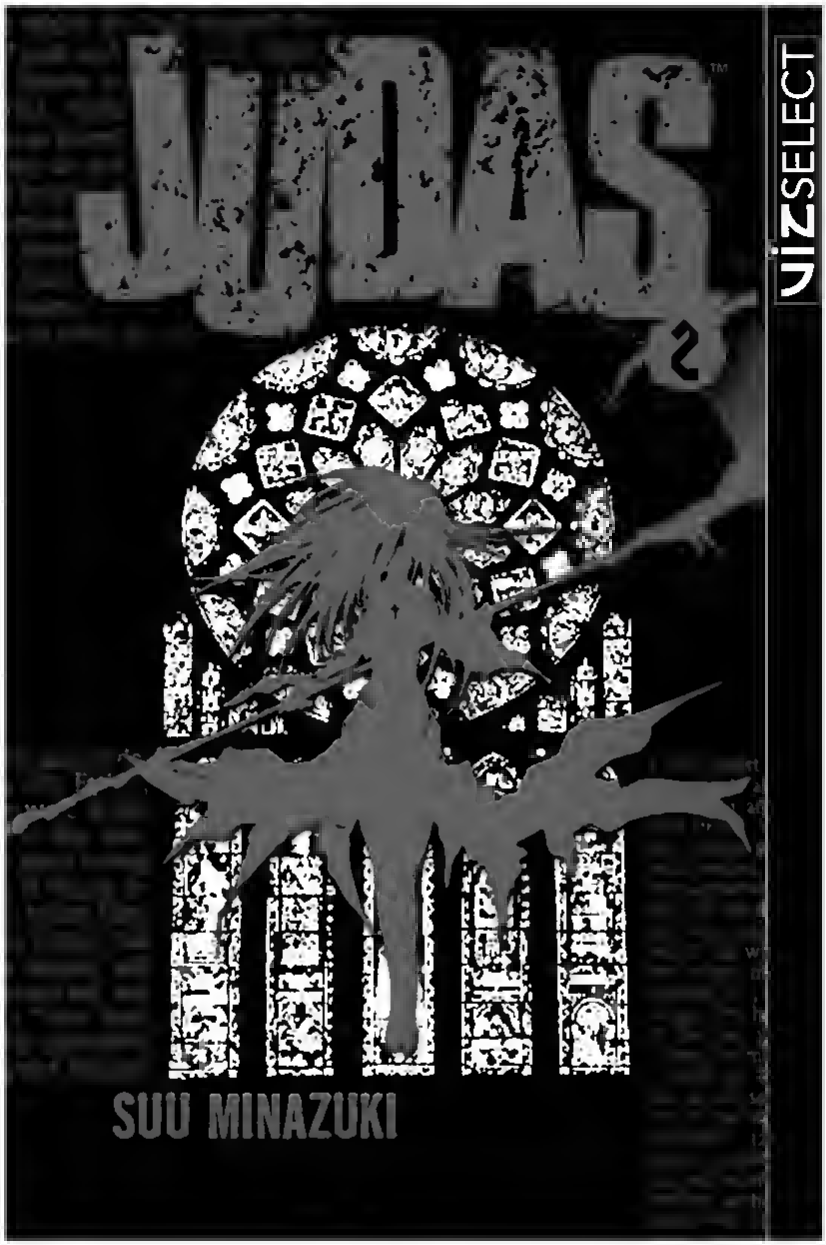
Story so far...



Judas, cursed for his sins, is the spirit of Death--he is without form, and has enslaved young Eve to carry out the most heinous of acts. Together in spirit and body, they must slay 666 people so that Judas can regain his humanity. Using Eve as his vessel of destruction, the dark, blood-soaked journey will leave a trail of sin, death, and--hopefully for Judas--redemption. Salvation may be at hand, but now is the time for prayer...

8 Judgment

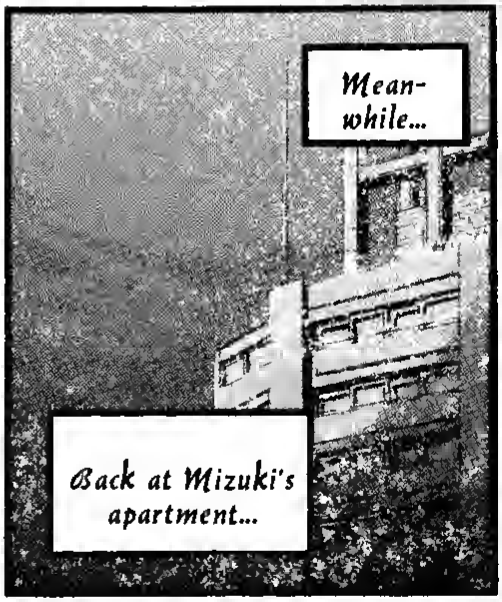
April 6th, 2007. (The Second Time.)

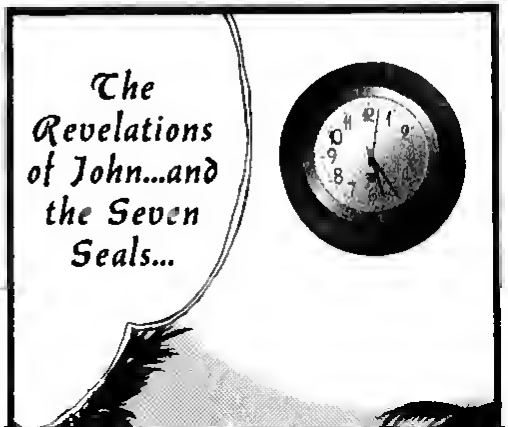
5:25 PM. Hijiri Orphanage.

聖孤児院

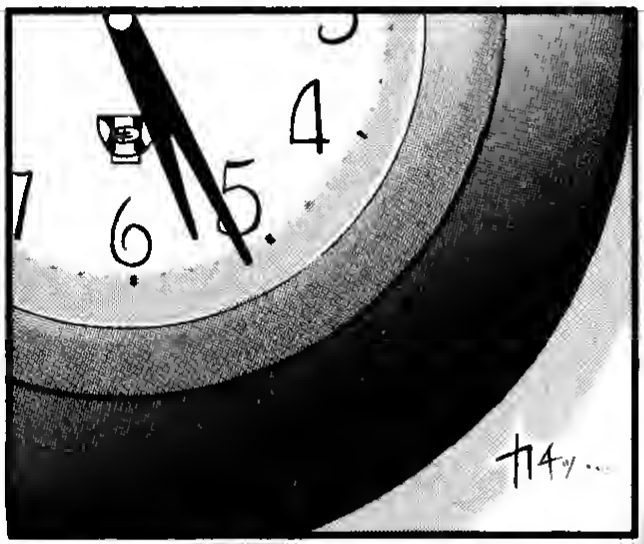
ONII...
...CHAN?

There's no doubt in my mind that they're out there right now trying to open the Third Seal.
In order to bring about the "Wormwood."


Mean-while...
Back at Mizuki's apartment...


The Revelations of John...and the Seven Seals...

During the First Calamity, it rained blood... during the Second, Mount Fuji erupted.
The Third's all about the "Wormwood." I'm not even sure what the hell to expect. But...


...what I do know is that, little by little, bad things are beginning to happen... And, to even have a shot at fighting back, we need to figure out where "they" are.
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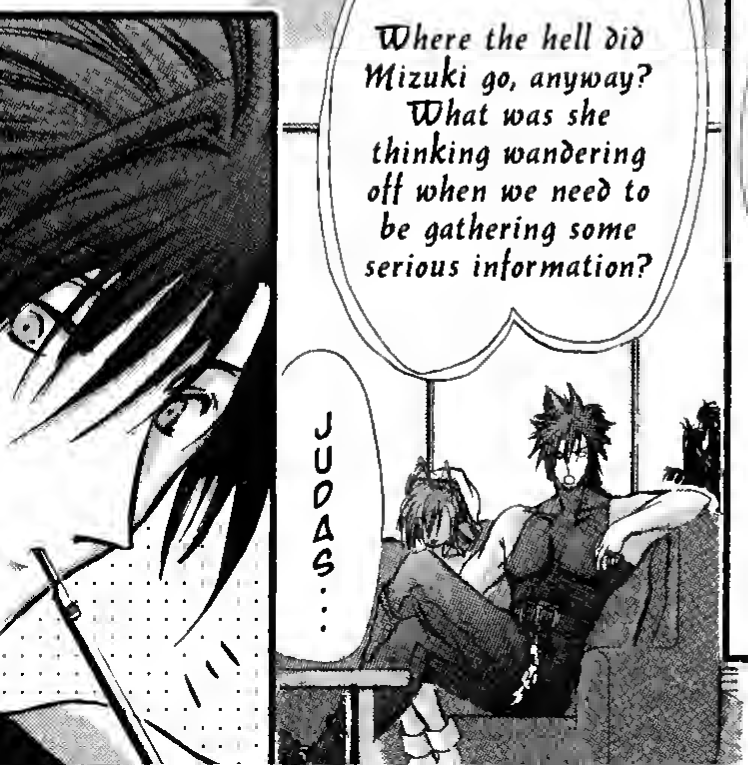
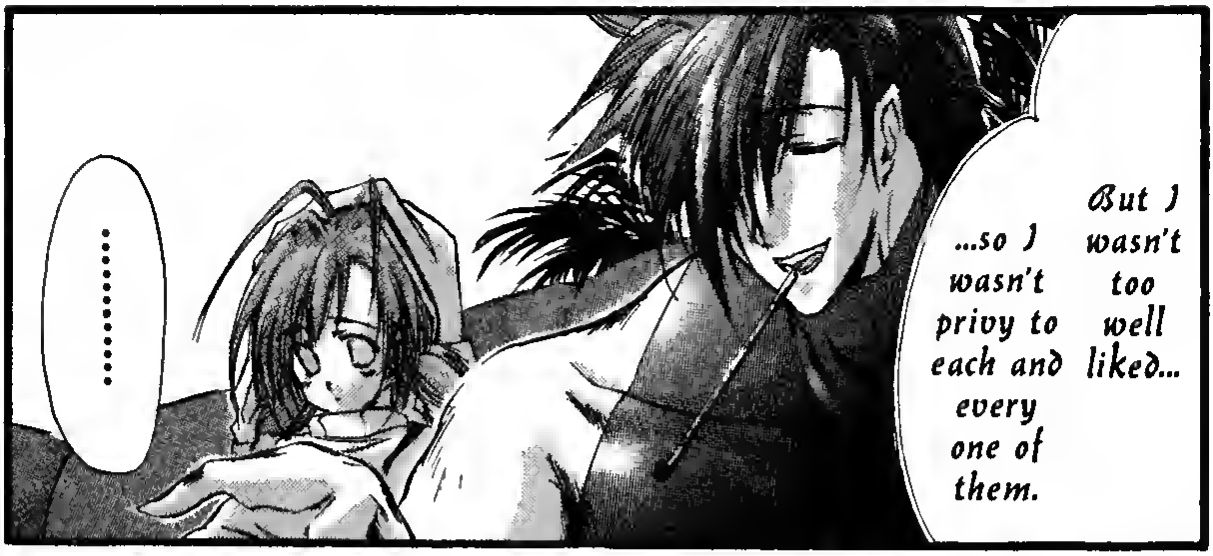

Where the hell did Mizuki go, anyway? What was she thinking wandering off when we need to be gathering some serious information?
JUDAS...

YOU WERE AN APOSTLE JUST LIKE THEM ONCE, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU ALL KNEW EACH OTHER BEFORE, RIGHT?
WHAT KIND OF-- I MEAN, WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE WERE THEY?

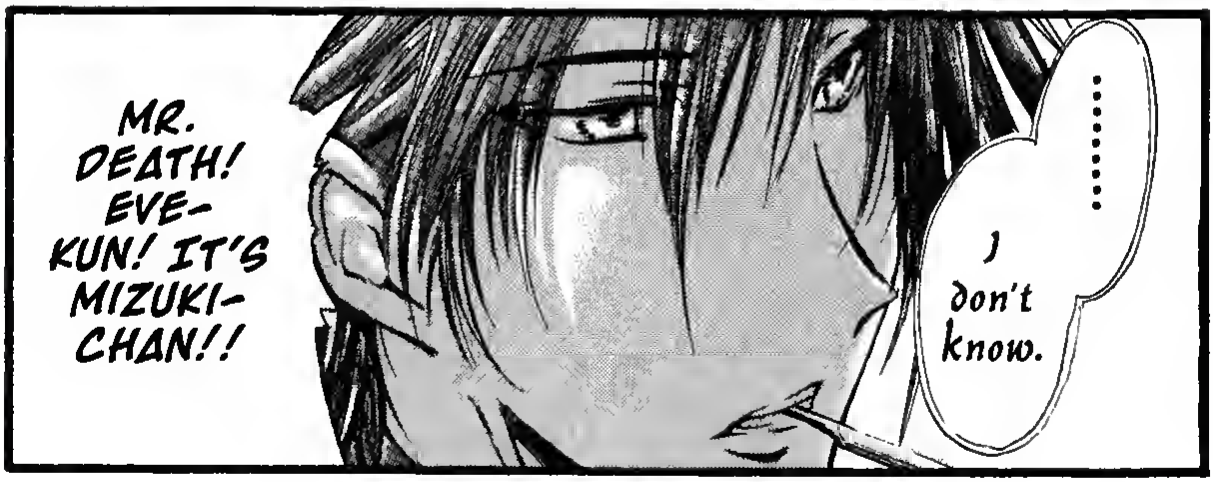
I mean, sure, there were a couple of normal ones, too, but...
...for the most part... they were just a bunch of pricks.

They were a...
...a bunch of wackos.

Each of the Twelve were granted a separate, special "power."
Like Peter's "Birth," my "Death"...
John's "Destruction," Philip's "Time"...
And Matthew's "Conviction" ...
They had all sorts of powers.


But I wasn't too well liked...
...so I wasn't privy to each and every one of them.
.....

CAN WE...
...WIN AGAINST THEM...?


.....
I don't know.
MR. DEATH! EVE-KUN! IT'S MIZUKI-CHAN!!

pant
pant

Mizuki, it's me, Sorahito.

I know this may difficult to believe, b
as Matthew, one the Twelve Apostle

Peter and the others are endangering

Please come right away to the orphanage where

Mizuki, I love you.

MIZUKI-CHAN, SHE...

Mizuki, I love you.

THAT IDIOT!!

Dammit, they got us!!
I never imagined they'd make the first move!!

You idiot! It's a goddamned trap!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Don't you see?!
IF SORAHITO-SAN REALLY IS "MATTHEW," THEN EVERYTHING'S FIN--

Think, dammit!!
The man's being chased by Peter and the other Apostles, right?!
So what the hell good would it do for him to call Mizuki by herself?!
He's clearly trying to lure her into a trap!

And what the hell do they think they'll achieve by entrapping her?
Do they wanna coerce her into another experiment to clone more of me?
Or do they just want a hostage?!
Oh shit! This is bad!!
Or--?
If this is who I think it is, we got a bit of "trouble" on our hands!!
"TROUBLE"? WHO?
The Apostle presiding over "Judgment." The one exposes everyone's sins after they die, and locks them away--

ヨロ…
drool
drool
thomas!!

カタカタ
PLEASE DON'T BE FRIGHTENED.
I LOST MY HOME IN THE ERUPTION, AND NO WHERE TO GO, YOU SEE.
IT MUST BE MY OLD AGE BUT...I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO STOP DROOLING...
AH...
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME...
S-
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
AH...
I...
I'M SO SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M A DOCTOR.
JUST HOLD STILL AND...
OH...!
YOUR LEG!
YOU'RE HURT--

OH...!
BY THE WAY, YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO SEE...
...SOMEONE ELSE AROUND HERE, DID YOU?
A TALL MAN...
... WITH ...
... GLAS-SES ...

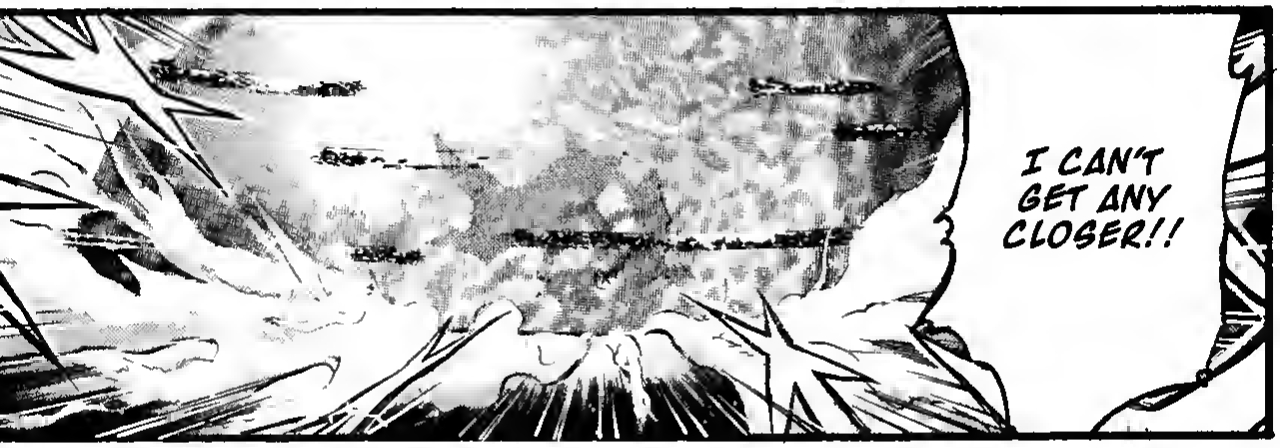
I'VE CAUGHT...
...YOU!!

「審
判
JUDGMENT!!

COURT IS NOW IN SESSION!!
YOU WERE TOO LATE, JUDAS...
?!

MIZUKI!!

W-
WHAT IS THIS?!


I CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER!!

AND, AS YOU KNOW, DURING A TRIAL, ALL THE SPECTATORS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO LISTEN.
HEH HEH...
THAT'S RIGHT...
NOW THEN--
THIS GIRL IS MY PRECIOUS LITTLE HOSTAGE.
STOP!!
LET ME GO!!

It's no good, Eve!!
The Judgment process has begun.
This is a trial now!!

I SHALL NOW READ ALOUD THE CRIMES COMMITTED...
被告人・綾瀬瑞樹の
...BY THE DEFENDANT MIZUKI AYASE!!
犯した罪を読みあげる!!

W-
WHAT?
zzzsssh
pshhhzz
SILENCE..
THIS IS A RECORD...
...OF YOUR "CRIMES."
STOP...
DON'T...
SSSHZZZ

MIZUKI AYASE, 16 YEARS OLD.
WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER, YOU WERE ABANDONED BY YOUR PARENTS IN FRONT OF THIS CHURCH...
WHO... ...ARE YOU?
...AND TAKEN IN BY THIS MAN...
THEN STARTING TODAY...

...I'LL BE YOUR BIG BROTHER.

BUT THEN WOULD COME A TIME WHEN YOU DEVELOPED INAPPROPRIATE FEELINGS OF LOVE FOR YOUR OWN BROTHER.
ONII-CHAN?
ARE YOU ASLEEP?

NO ...
DON'T!!

STOP!

NOOOOOOOOOOOO!!
OH ME, OH MY... HOW UTTERLY SCANDA-LOUS.
YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS SLEEPING MAN, AND INSINUATED YOUR LIPS UPON HIM.
MOST AMOROUSLY--
OVER...
STOP IT!
...AND OVER...
STOP IT!

PLEASE, EVE! STOP! DON'T WATCH...
PLEASE DON'T WATCH THAT!!
HA HA HA! OH, BUT THAT ISN'T ALL!! OH NO, SIRREE!!
THERE'S MORE!!
LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS MORE!!
REMEMBER?!

HOW YOU ALLOWED HIM TO DIE. HOW YOU MERELY WATCHED...
...AS YOUR BROTHER WAS KILLED BEFORE YOUR VERY OWN EYES?!!!

sob
sob
NO...
IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.
sob
sniffle
I DIDN'T JUST LET HIM DIE... IT WASN'T LIKE... THAT...
OH, AND JUST HOW WAS IT, THEN?
WHEN YOU FAILED TO MOVE EVEN A MUSCLE TO SAVE HIM! IN FACT... WASN'T IT YOU WHO CALLED ON DEATH TO TAKE HIM?
AS PROOF...
...JUST WATCH!!
whine
PLEASE STOP...
JUST STOP...
MW-AH-HA! HA HA HA HA!
YOU SINFUL LITTLE WHORE!!
SEE HOW MY POWER GROWS FROM ABSORBING THE FORCE OF YOUR SINS?!

SO RIDIC-
ULOUSLY
AMUSING...
SO MUCH
THAT I
CAN'T STOP
DROOLING!!
A-
HA!
HA
HA
HA
HA!
DROOL
DROOL
DROOL

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!
BWAH-
HA-
HA!
HEEE!
SO
RICH...
SO
INSANELY
MOUTH
WATER-
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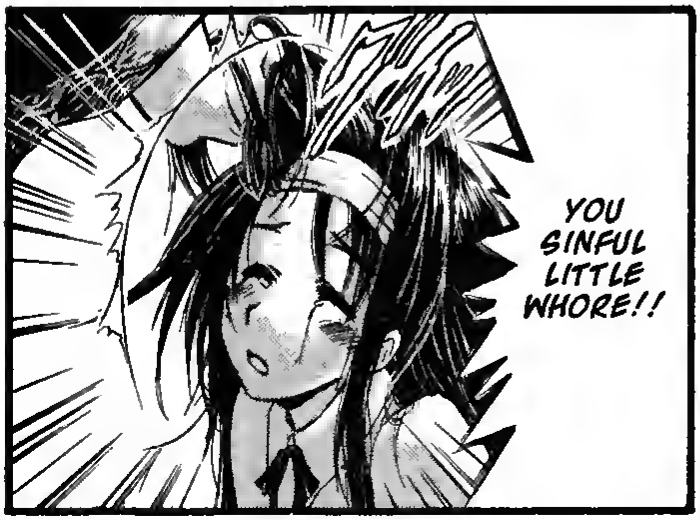
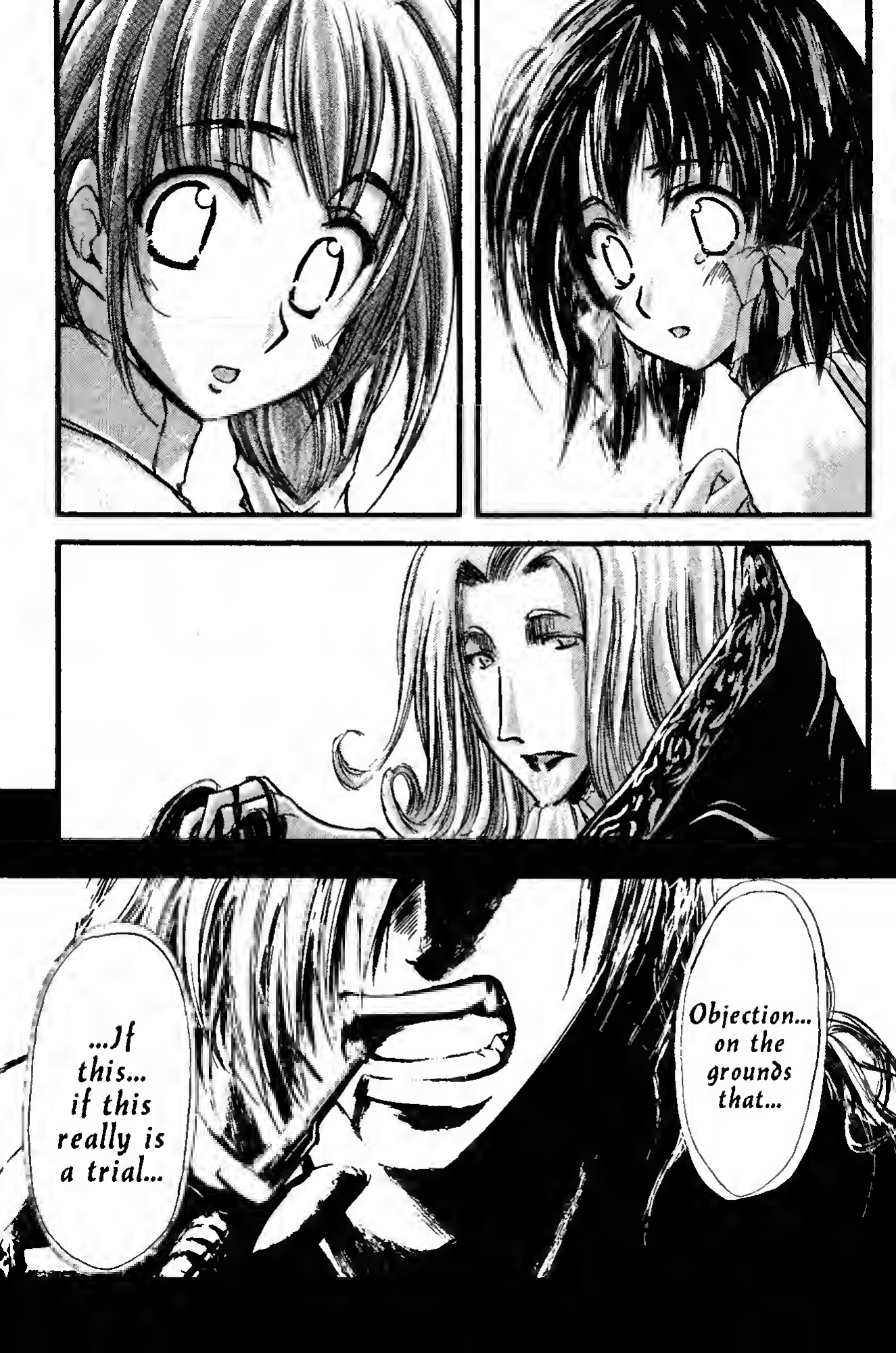

YOU
SINFUL
LITTLE
WHORE!!

I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH!!
YOUR CRIMES... YOUR SINS SHALL NEVER BE FORGIVEN... AND THERE-FORE...

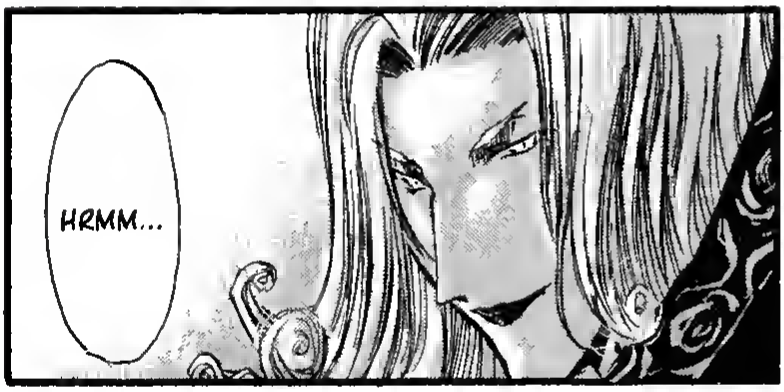
決(け)っ
VER...

ボス
…DICT!
定い

Objection...


...If this... if this really is a trial...
Objection... on the grounds that...

then she's got the right...
...to counsel... am I right?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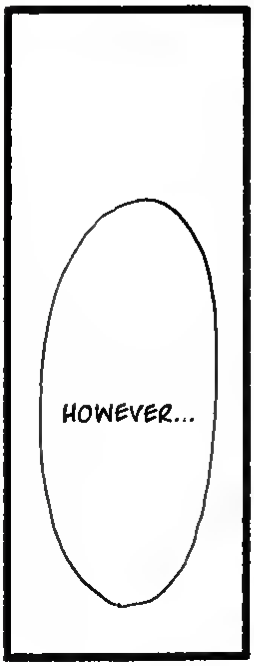
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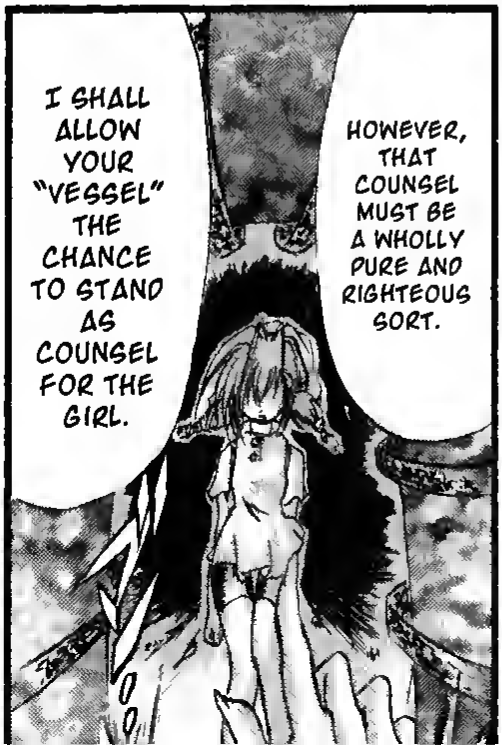

I SHALL ALLOW YOUR "VESSEL" THE CHANCE TO STAND AS COUNSEL FOR THE GIRL.
HOWEVER, THAT COUNSEL MUST BE A WHOLLY PURE AND RIGHTEOUS SORT.

I SHALL ALLOW FOR THE PRESENCE OF COUNSEL.
VERY WELL, JUDAS.
HMM...

OH NO!!
Very well... I accept.
MR. DEATH P!
HAH! MY, MY... AREN'T WE CONFIDENT?
WELL, THEN...
SHOULD YOUR VESSEL ITSELF PROVE TO BE IMPURE...
...THEN I SHALL ABSORB YOUR VESSEL'S SINS, AS WELL, AND IMPRISON IT FOR ALL ETERNITY!!

OH MY...?
THEY CERTAINLY SEEM PURE...
EVE-KUN...
HRMM...
AH WELL... NOT LIKE JUDAS CAN DO A THING UNLESS THIS ONE BLEEDS...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD PROVE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO SEAL HIS VESSEL AWAY. BUT...
...ONE HOS-TAGE WILL SUF-FICE...
VERY WELL.
I SHALL ACCEPT THIS ONE AS COUNSEL.
ピク...
NN?
NO... WAIT...

NN...?
NNN...?
HEH HEH HEEE HA!
MWAH HA HA?

EVE-KUN!!
I FOUND IT!!
ZZZSHZAK
SHZZZAP
ZZZA!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!! TOO BAD, REALLY, JUDAS.
BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A HUMAN BEING WITHOUT SIN!
BANG
BANG
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE BETRAYED BY YOUR OWN VESSEL?!
SO THIS IS HOW IT ENDS FOR YOU, EH, JUDAS ISCARIOT? YOU WHO 2000 YEARS AGO REIGNED SUPREME AS THE INVINCIBLE KING OF THE DEAD?!
A-HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
HUH?
Heh heh...
Thomas, you thought... that Eve was pure, eh...?
Now that...

大間違いだぜ!!
(おおまちがい)
...was a donkey-sized mistake!!
ZZZY SHHZT
NNNYSHHNT

BOIL
BOIL
SUCH... IMMENSE... SIN...?!
psssshhh
WHA?
ZZZZAAAH
ZZZZZZZ

ssshhzz
zzzshhhh
TH-
THIS BRAT!
zzzkkt
WHAT ON EARTH HAVE YOU DONE?
pzzzzhst
kshhhhzz

W-WHAT...?
GRAB
WHAT ON EARTH--?!
brip
bubble
bubble
ARG!
I CAN'T HANDLE IT!!
UNHAND ME...
...YOU!!
UNHAND ME!!

!!!
N--
……!!

NOOOO!
JESUS!
It's your own fault, Thomas.
You're the one that peeped...
...into the heart of the other "Angel of Death."

Okay, you fuckin' sheep...

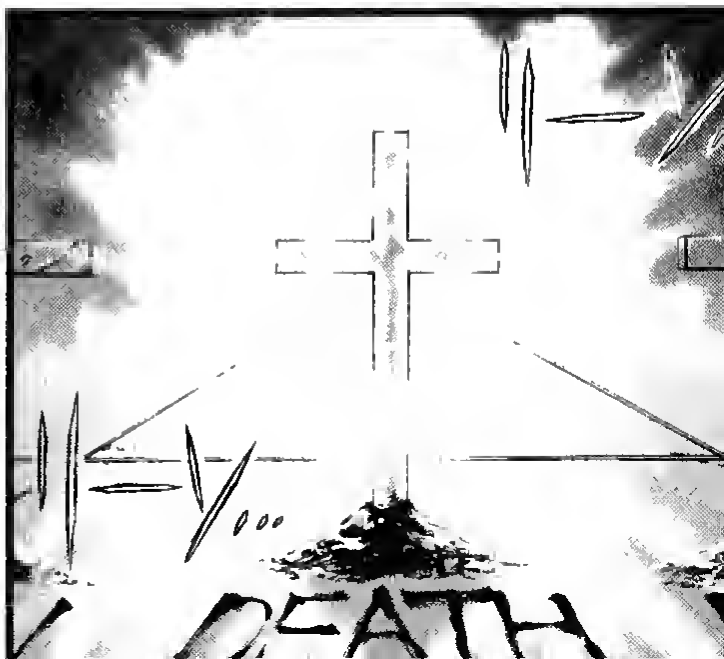
KZZZZZZZSSH

From here on...

死神が
DEATH

法律（ほうりつ）だ!!
...IS LAW!!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THIS?
PETER...


DEATH

THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT...
FOR EVERY-THING IS AS NOTES...
...DANCING ACROSS A SHEET OF MUSIC...
THOMAS MIGHT LOSE?
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING...?

AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG...
...BEFORE THE COMING OF THE "WORMWOOD"...
JUDAS

Okay, you fuckin' sheep...
FROM HERE ON--
DEATH IS LAW!!

9 Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

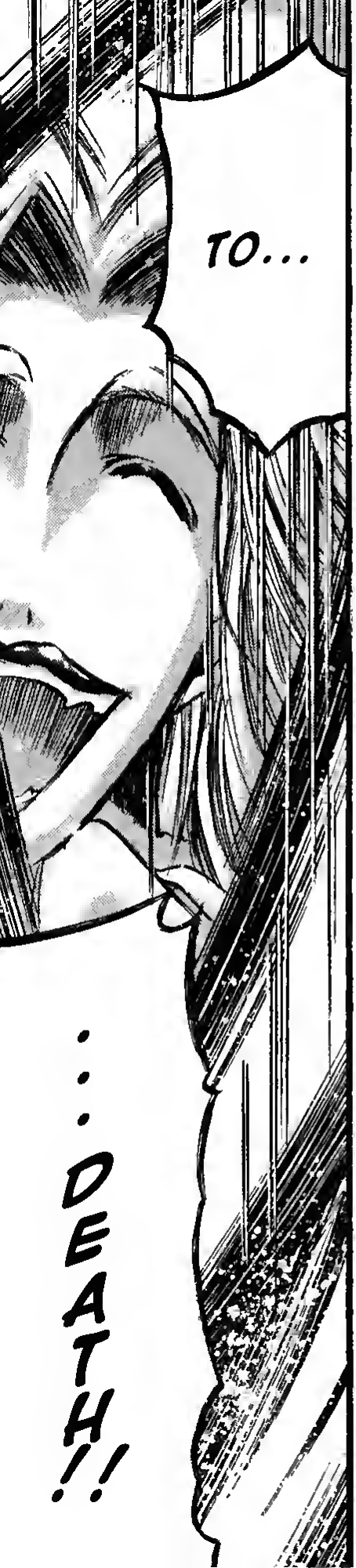
JUDAS
DEATH

C-CALM DOWN.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING HEAD TO HEAD WITH JUDAS HIMSELF...
SHE'S NOTHING MORE... THAN HIS VESSEL...
SO CALM YOURSELF DOWN...

CALM YOUR-SELF DOWN, THOM-ASSS!!
CALM DOWN!!
I SAID, CALM YOURSELF DOWN!!
wheeze
PHEW...
THAT'S RIGHT...

BRAVO, THOMAS!! BRAVO, THOMAS!!
YAAAAAYYYYYYY!!
YOU'RE INVIN-CIBLE!!
BRAVOOOOOOOOOOOO!!
YOU DID IT!!
JUDG-MENT...
... TIME!!

I SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH!!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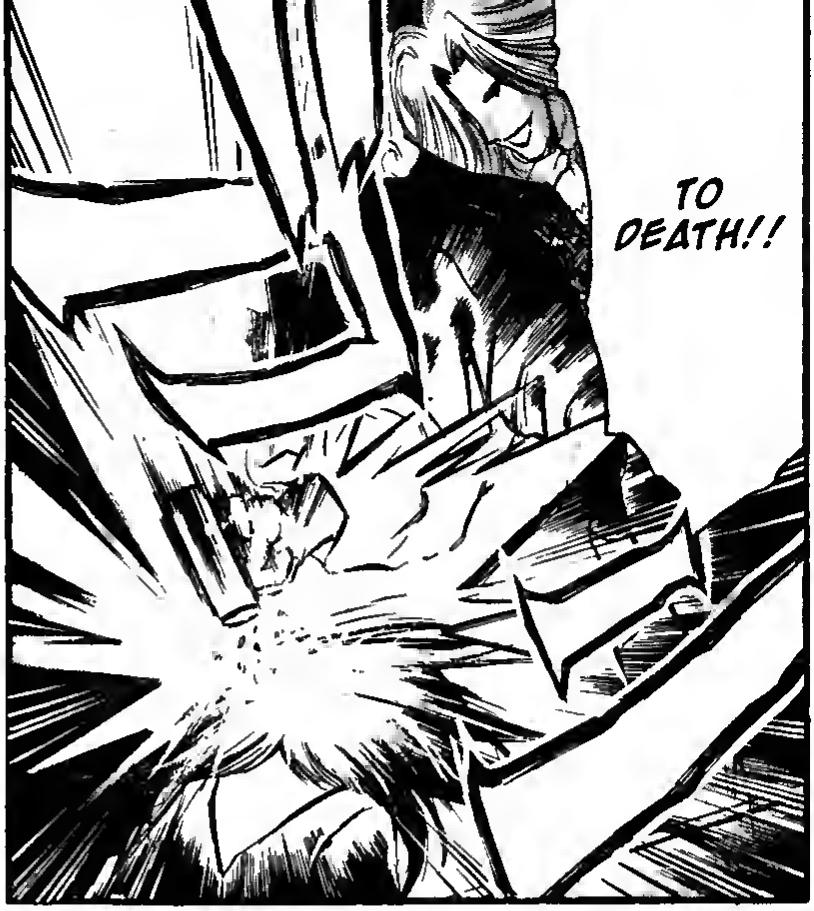
...DEATH!!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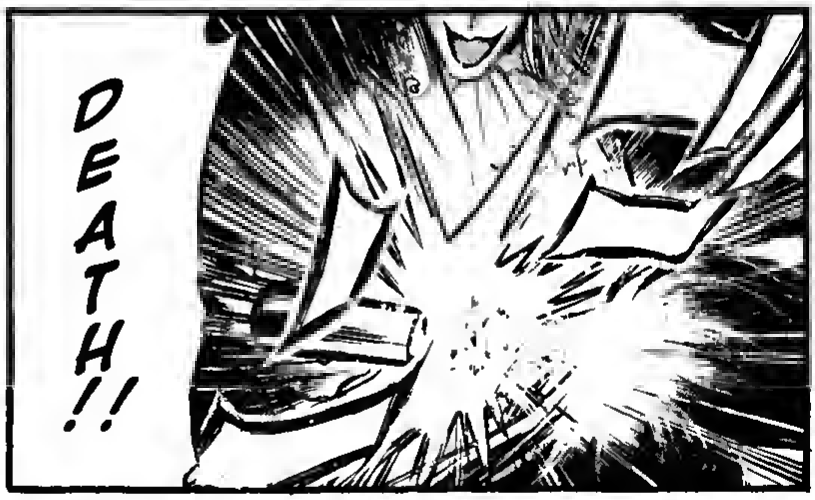

DEATH!!

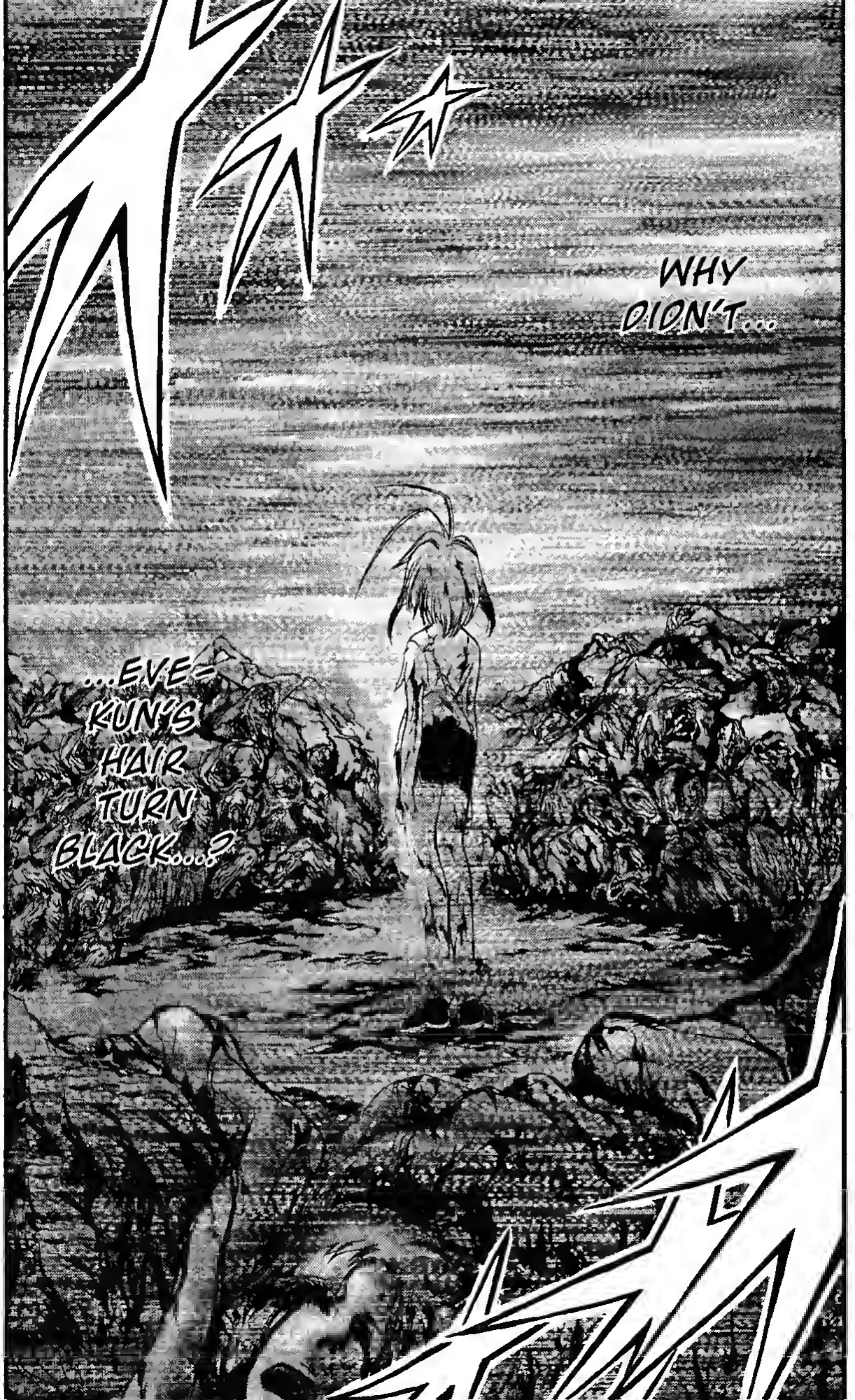
DEATH DEATH DEATH

HA!
HAH!
MWAH!
HEH!

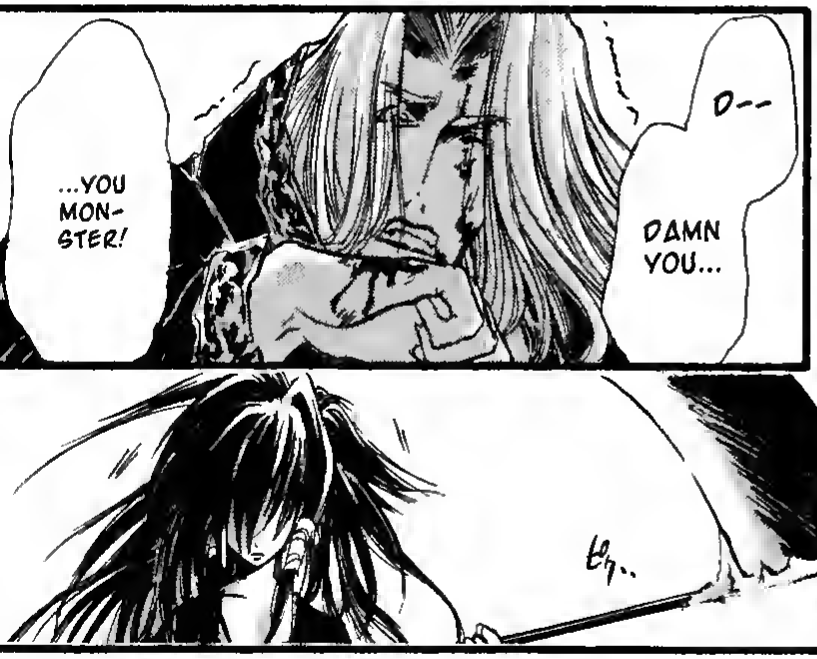
BWHA!
AH!

Just give up, Thomas.
What you're up against... isn't just a vessel of mine...
UH...
BWAH ...
Ha ha ha ha!
DRIP
DRIP
pshhht
pshht
psssshht
IT'S THE OTHER ANGEL OF DEATH!

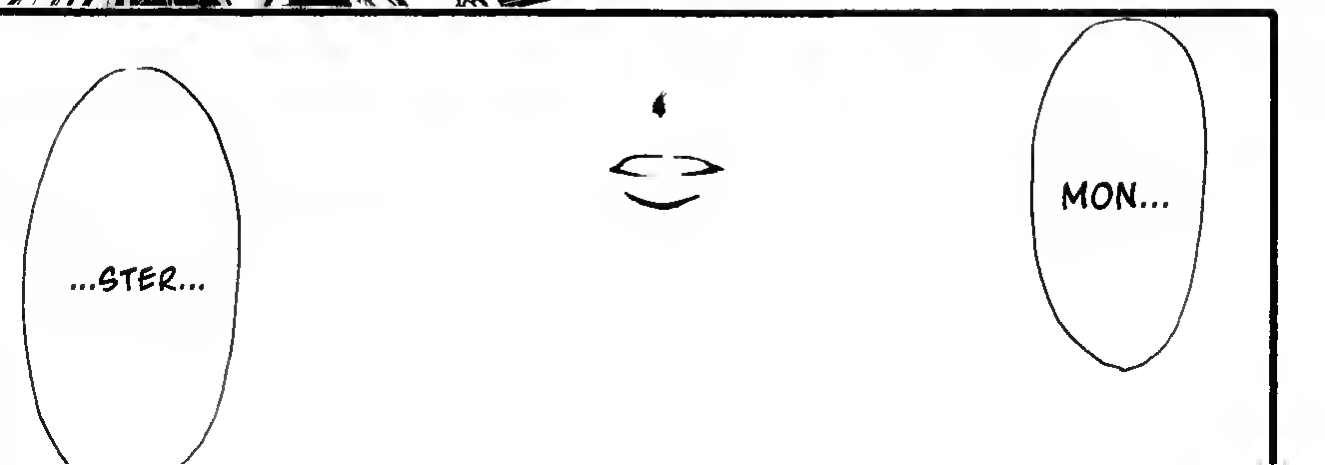
psssht
flicker
W-WHAT....
psssszzzkt
WHAT IS THIS...?
THESE PEOPLE... THEY'RE ALL DEAD...
DID MR. DEATH MAKE YOU DO ALL THIS, EVE-KUN?
BUT...
...IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN WHY--


WHY DIDN'T...
...EVE-KUN'S HAIR TURN BLACK...?

BWAH!
HAH!
HA!
HA
HA
HA!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?


...YOU MON-STER!
D--
DAMN YOU...

step
step


...STER...
MON...

Give up, Thomas... unless, of course, you were planning on dying.
In that case, don't let me stop you.
The power of Judgment isn't traditionally a warring one.
I'm saying I'll let you live...for old time's sake.
wheeze
pant
HOW DARE YOU CONDESCEND TO ME, JUDAS?!
HMMPH!

GIVE UP, YOU SAY? YOU MUST BE MAD.
ONE OF THE TWELVE, CHOSEN BY THE LORD HIMSELF, LOSING TO A MERE VESSEL AND SLINKING AWAY?! PREPOSTEROUS!!
Thomas!!
ENOUGH!!
DID YOU FORGET OVER THE COURSE OF 2000 YEARS, JUDAS...
...THAT THERE'S A SINGULAR REASON WHY I MUST DEFEAT YOU?

YOU BETRAYED OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST...
...AND I SHALL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR SUCH.

WHEN YOU ACCEPT THIS SIN AT LAST, I SHALL ABSORB EVERY DROP OF YOU.
THAT... IS A PROMISE.

NOW, THEN!!
LET ME HAVE AT YOU, VILE MONSTER!

BEHOLD!!
THE FINAL JUDGMENT OF THOMAS!!
OOOOOOHHHHHH!!

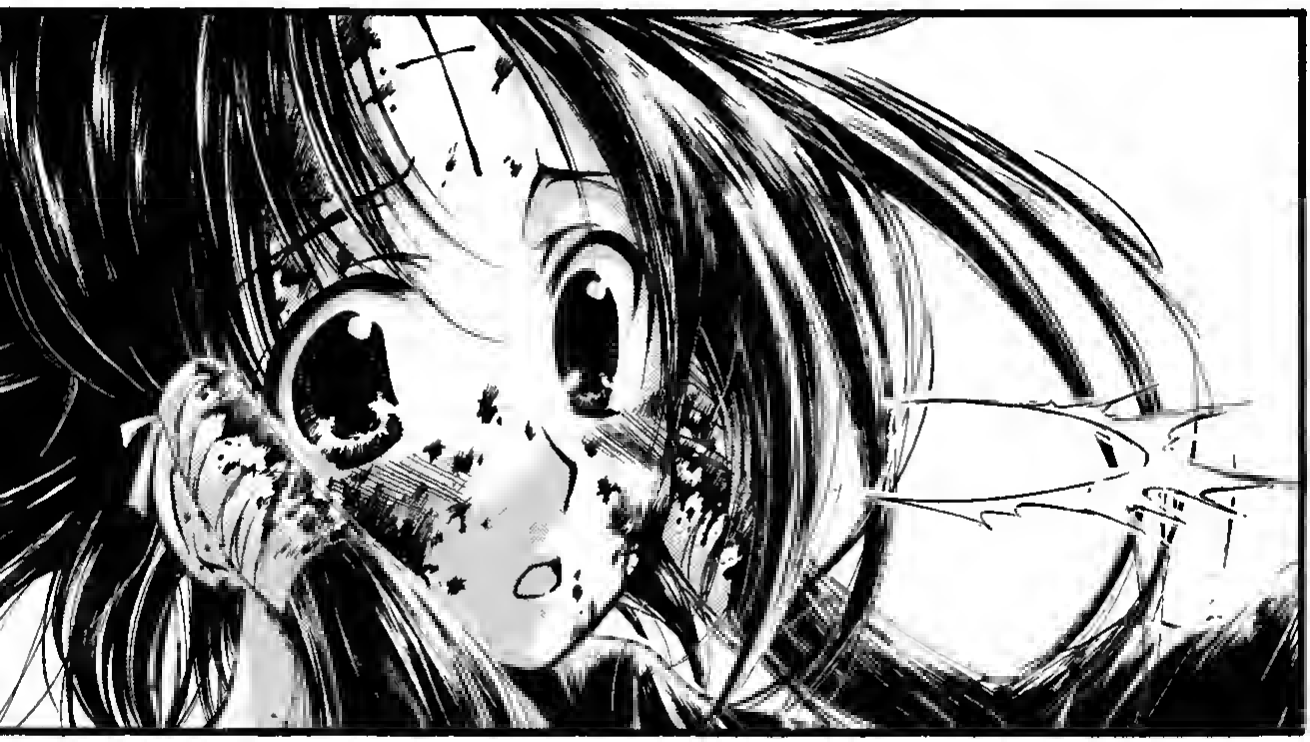
DIE, VILE MON-STER!
DIE, VILE MON-STER!
CRACK
DIE!!
DIE!!
DIE!!
DIE!!

DIE!!
DIE!!
DIE!!
DIE!!
DIEEEEE!
EEEEEEE!!

HURK!
UH...
CHARG!
UGH!

I'M...
...NOT A MON-STER!!
MRRGHH!
GRRRRRR!

That's enough, Eve.



That the only time you're allowed to kill...

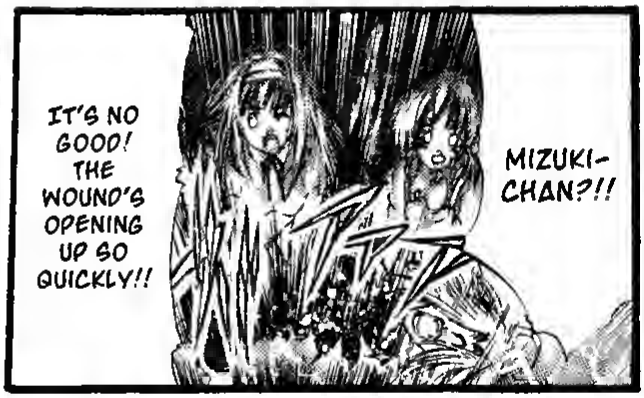
The first time we met?
Remember what I told you?

...is when I command you to do it.
Remember that...

JUDAS...
JUUUDAAAASSS...
sob
whimper
JUDAS...

AAARRRGH!
Thomas?!
SNICKER! TEE HEE!
NOT SO FAST...
DEAD

DEATH
IT'S RATHER IMPERATIVE...
...THAT THOMAS DIES HERE.

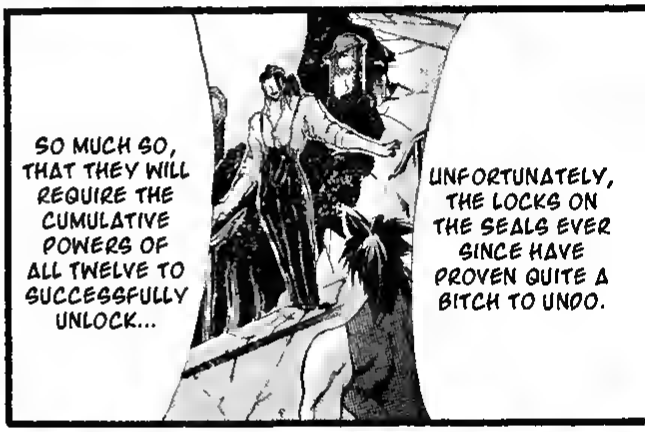

IT'S NO GOOD! THE WOUND'S OPENING UP SO QUICKLY!!
MIZUKI-CHAN?!!

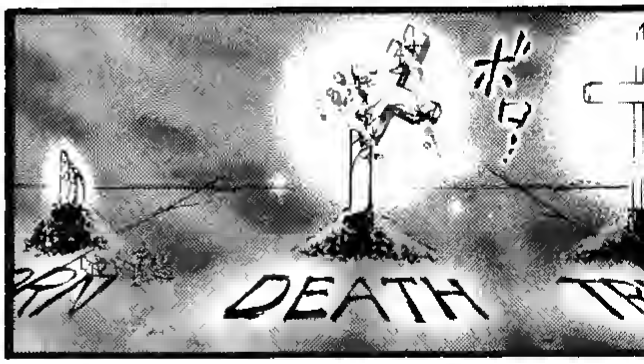
WHAT ON EARTH...
IT'S AS IF THE WOUND'S SEVERITY IS ACCELERATING ON ITS OWN.

ΦHIレリリリリリΦ!!

WE TRIED LONG AND HARD TO OPEN THE THIRD SEAL AND UNLEASH THE REVELATIONS OF JOHN.
DEATH
YOU SEE...

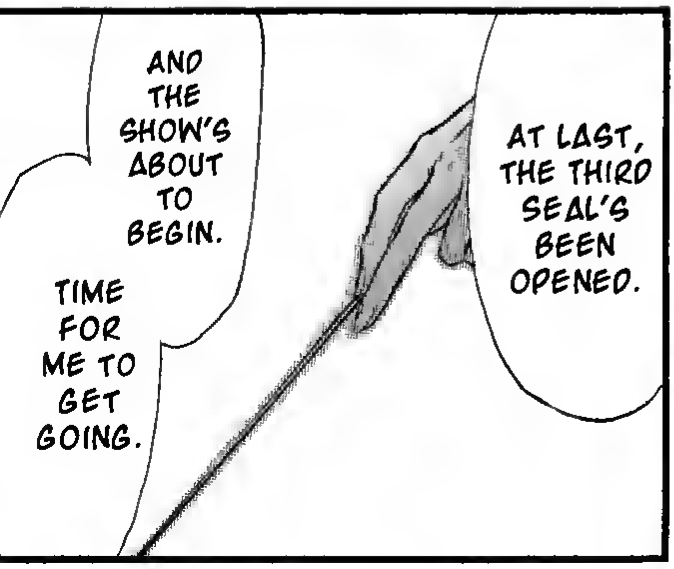
JUDAS...
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU'D HAVE GRANTED US YOUR POWER OF DEATH IF WE HAD SIMPLY ASKED NICELY.


SO MUCH SO, THAT THEY WILL REQUIRE THE CUMULATIVE POWERS OF ALL TWELVE TO SUCCESSFULLY UNLOCK...
UNFORTUNATELY, THE LOCKS ON THE SEALS EVER SINCE HAVE PROVEN QUITE A BITCH TO UNDO.


DEATH

AND THAT'S WHY WE NEEDED A "SUBSTITUTE" OF SORTS.
A POWER THAT HAD BEEN INFECTED AND OVERWHELMED BY DEATH...

THE DEMISE OF AN APOSTLE...
...AT THE HANDS OF DEATH HIMSELF!!


AT LAST, THE THIRD SEAL'S BEEN OPENED.
AND THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO BEGIN.
TIME FOR ME TO GET GOING.

Damn you!!
Philip!!

GOODBYE, JUDAS.

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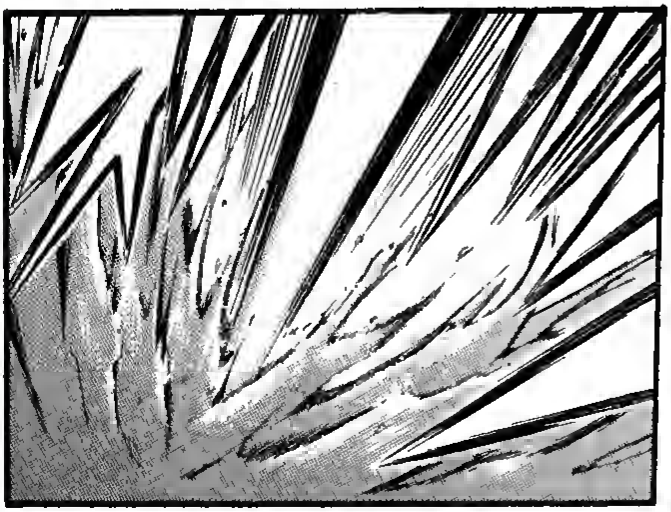


WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?! IF THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS, THE OTHER CALAMITIES WILL BE SET OFF TOO.
I know!! I know it all too well!!

Dammit!!
There's got to be something we can do!!
Anything!!

THERE IS...
...ONE THING.

Dammit!!

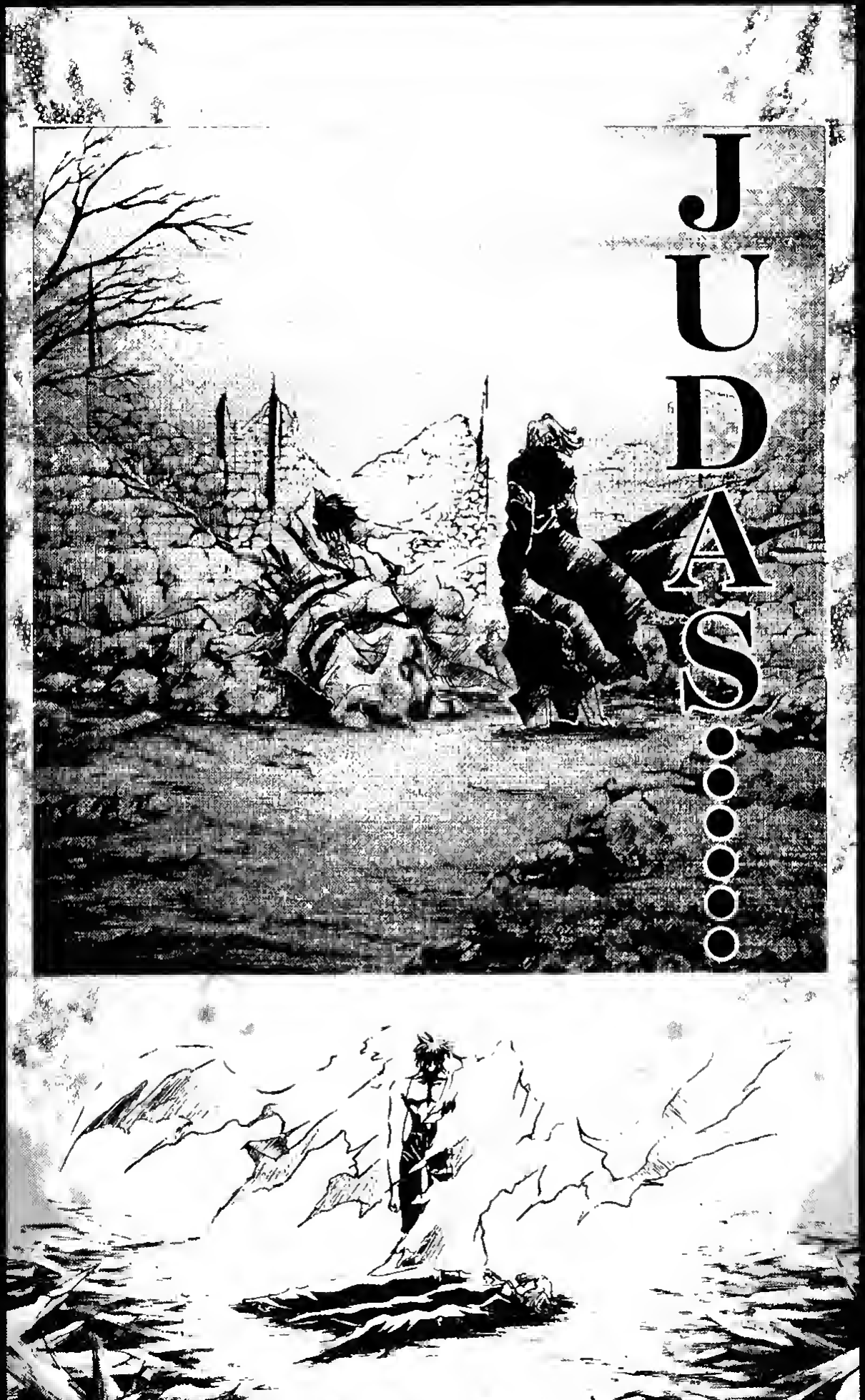
wheeze
wheeze

AND AS LONG AS THE POWERS OF THESE BETRAYERS REMAIN OUT OF OUR GRASP... OPENING THE OTHER SEALS IS OUT OF OUR REACH.
Thomas...
THERE ARE TWO... BETRAYERS.
HACK

WE HAVE YET TO OBTAIN ALL THE POWERS OF TWELVE. FOR THERE ARE A FEW APOSTLES...
...WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO BETRAY US, AND NOT COOPERATE.

MATTHEW OF "CONVICTION" AND...
...SIMON OF "TRUTH."

Thomas...
pant
pant
SO I SUGGEST... THAT YOU GO MAKE NICE WITH YOUR BETRAYER FRIENDS.
YOU, TOO...ARE A BETRAYER.
WE WERE ALL TOGETHER... ALL WALKING THAT SAME PATH TO EDEN.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS. TRUE, IT WAS A TIME OF WAR AND PESTILENCE, BUT...
WHY DID YOU BETRAY US?
WHY...
SO WHY...


JUDAS……

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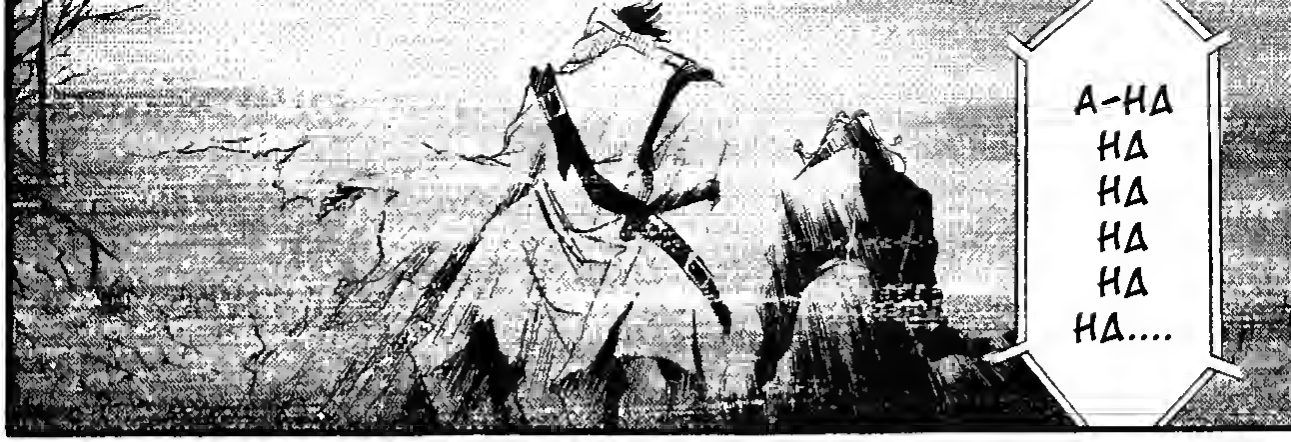
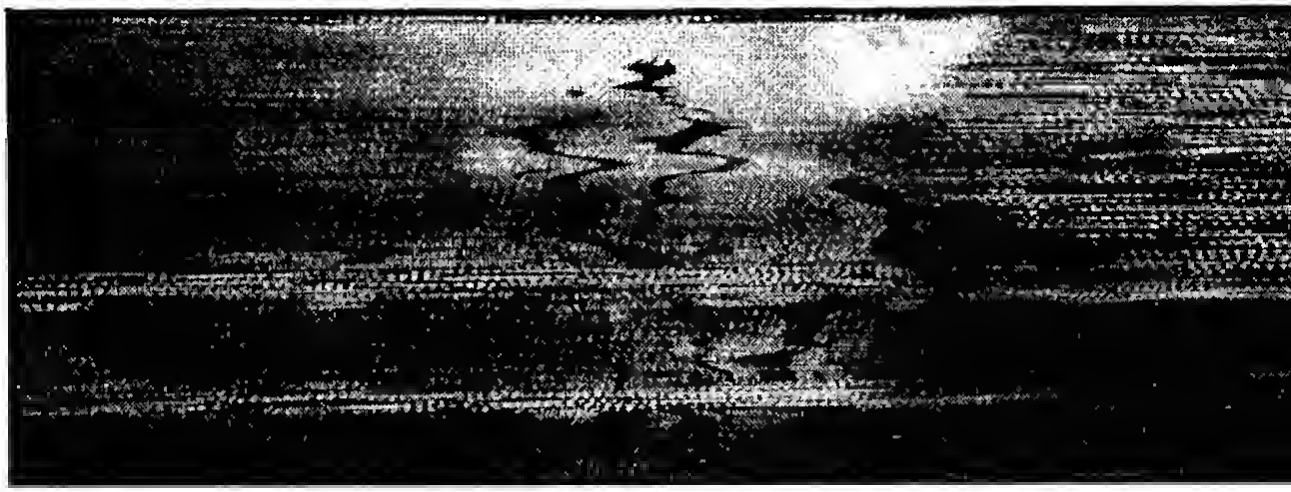
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU WERE GOING TO BETRAY US EVENTUALLY, YOU SAY? WHAT IS THAT? ANOTHER ONE OF JOHN'S PREDIC-TIONS?
HA HA HA HA HA!!
BRAVOOOO!!
THEN SO BE IT!! AND WHEN YOU DO, I'LL ABSORB ALL YOUR SINS!!
AND BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES!!
A-HA HA HA HA!! WOULDN'T THAT BE JUST DANDY?!
AH HA HA HA!!



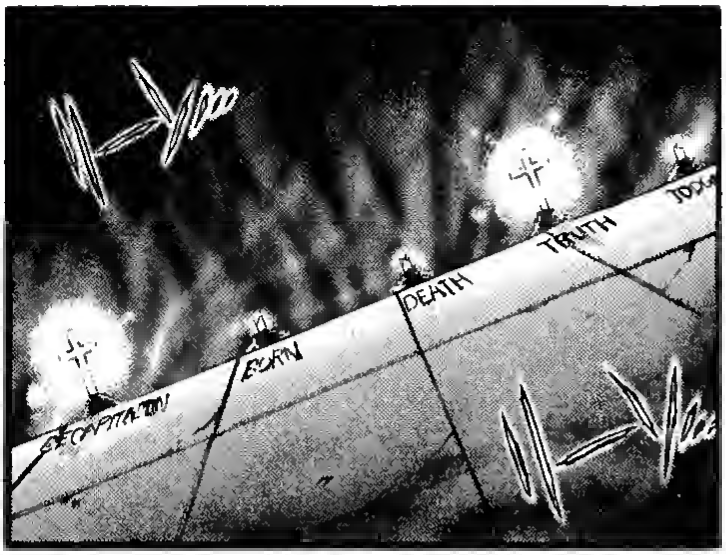


JUDAS

DEATH
TRUTH
BORN

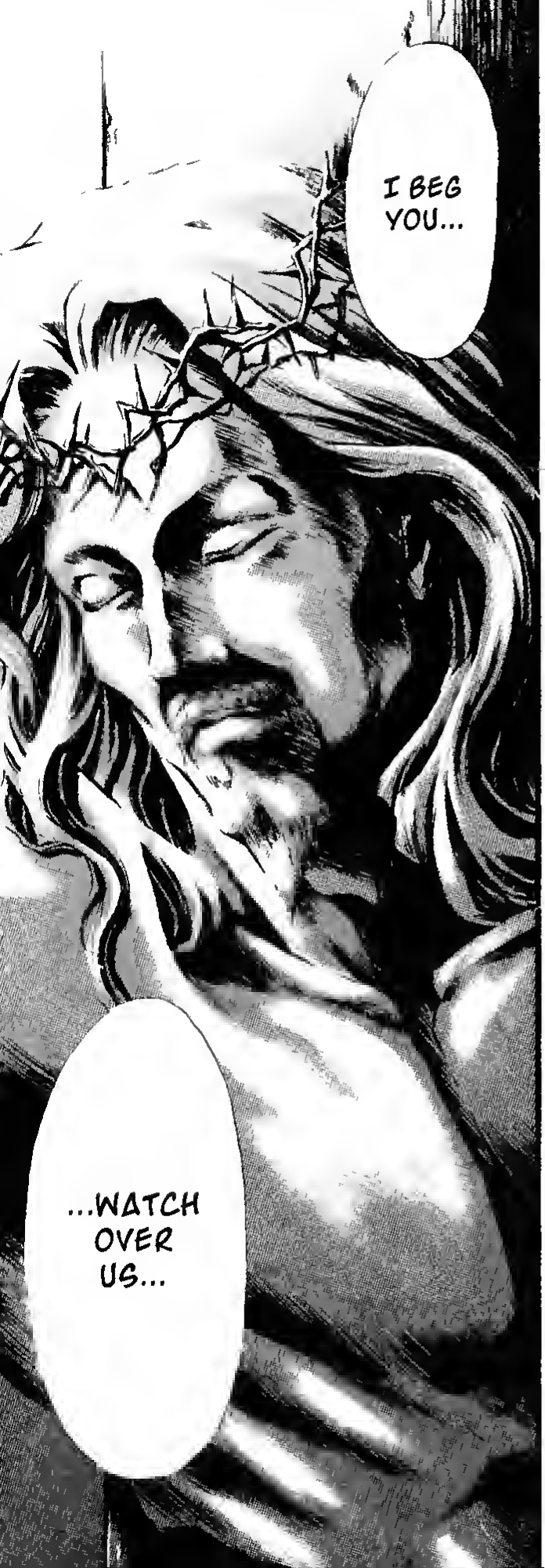
TRUTH.
"Cruth."

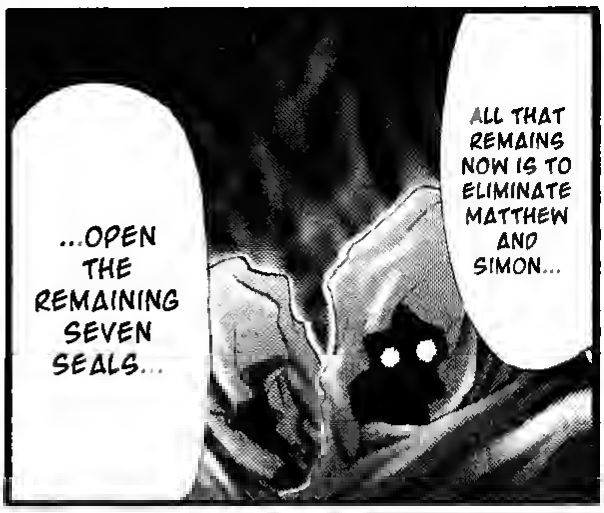
DECAPITATION
"Conviction."


DEATH
TRUTH

JUST... TWO MORE...

JUST TWO MORE.
AND THE PROPHECY OF THE BIBLE WE WERE PROMISED SO LONG AGO WILL FINALLY COME TO FRUITION.


I BEG YOU...
...WATCH OVER US...


ALL THAT REMAINS NOW IS TO ELIMINATE MATTHEW AND SIMON...
...OPEN THE REMAINING SEVEN SEALS...

...AND LET FALL THE DIVINE HAMMER OF GOD...
...UPON THE VILE BETRAYER, JUDAS!

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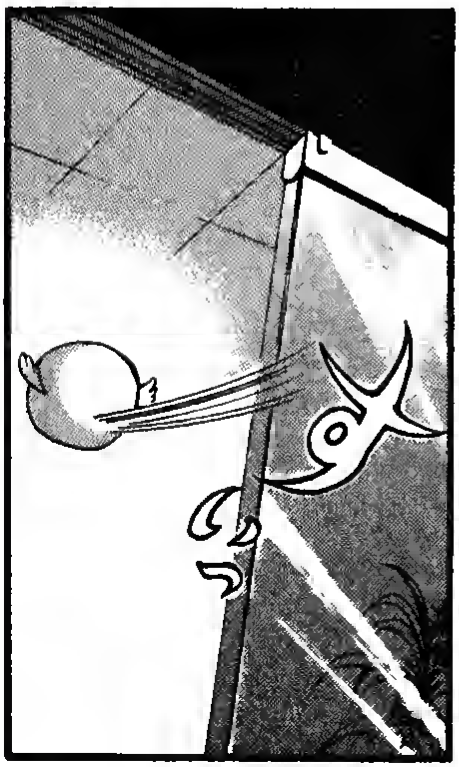
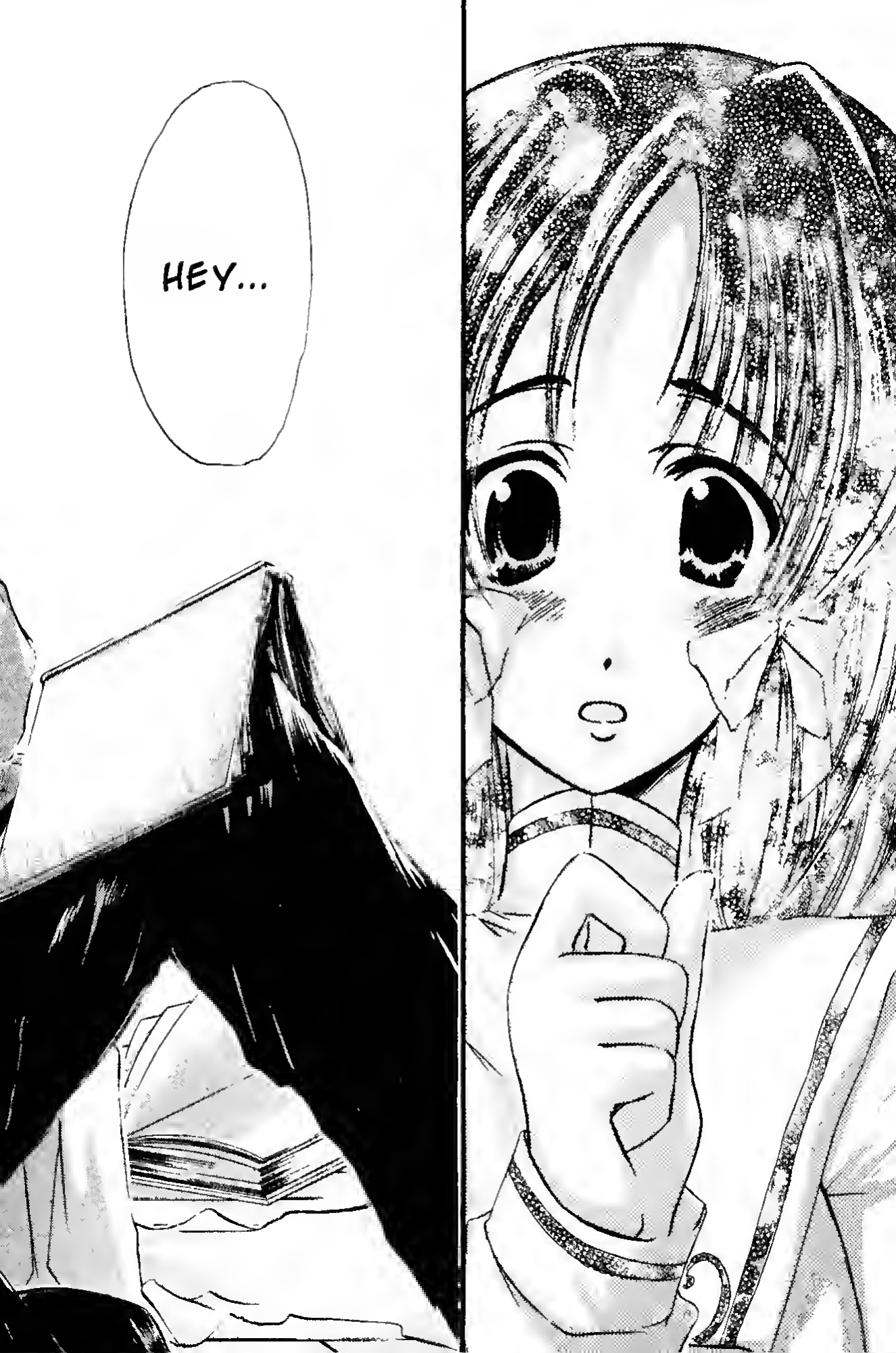
...MY LORD, JESUS CHRIST.
OH...!



WAIT UP, TRAVOLTA!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

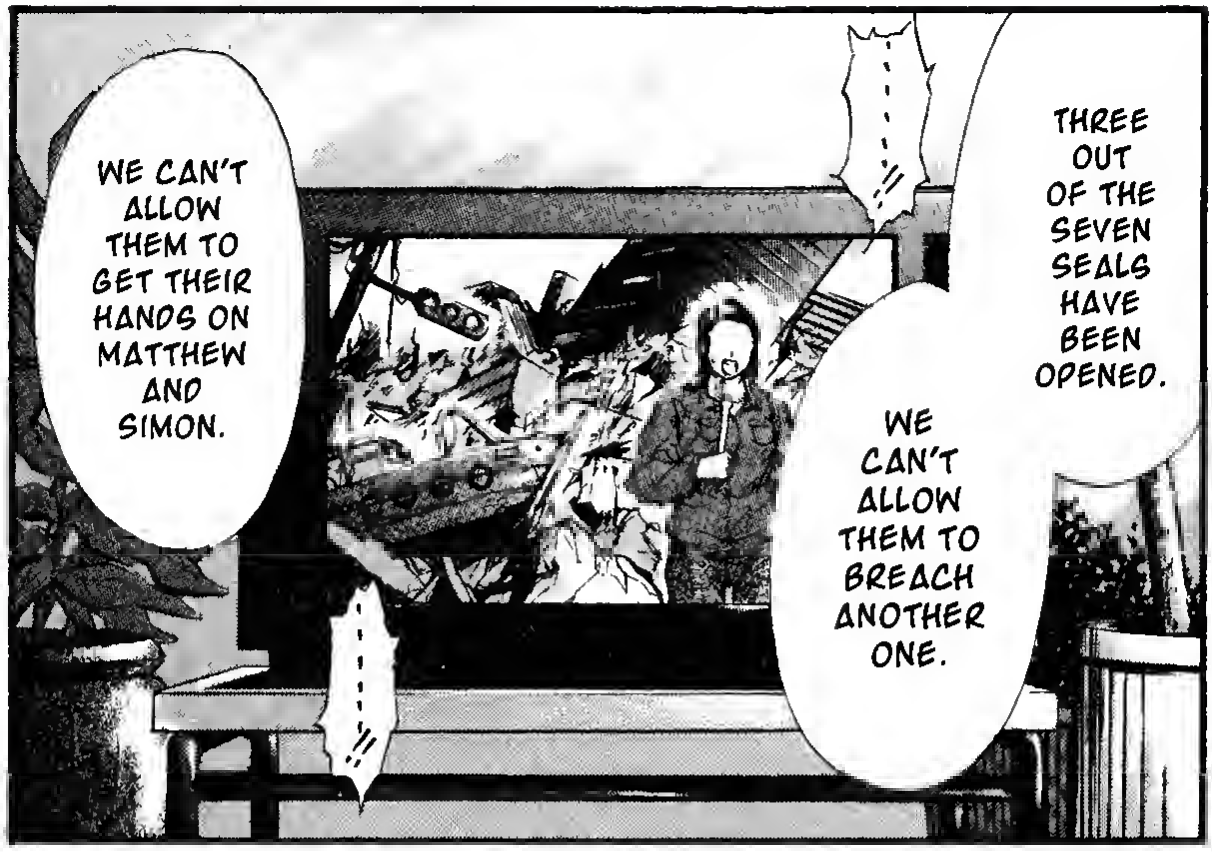
HUH...?
響診療所
THIS IS THE HIBIKI CLINIC.
WHO...?
OWWWW!!
OWWWW
NOT THE HAIR! ANYTHING BUT THE HAIR!! DON'T DO IT!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
S-STOP THAT!!


HEY...

10 The Truth

NOPE.
MY NAME IS MIZUKI AYASE AND I'M 16 YEARS OLD.
Ahhh ahhhh ahhh. Quiet. Just be quiet.
IF WE WANT TO KEEP THE REVELATIONS OF JOHN FROM MATERIALIZING, WE CAN'T JUST HAND MATTHEW AND SIMON OVER TO THEM!!!
BUT WHY NOT?!

A LITTLE WHILE BACK, THESE TWO SAVED ME WHEN I TRIED TO THROW MYSELF OFF A BUILDING TO DIE.
JUDAAAS...
MIZUKI-SAN REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP...
EVER SINCE THEN, THEY'VE BEEN LIVING HERE WITH ME.
And you can shut up, too.
I told you before, and I'll tell you again.
I have no intention of working with Matthew or Simon.
Hell, I don't even want to see either of them again.
THAT GUY OVER THERE, IS JUDAS.
THAT'S RIGHT, THE ONE AND ONLY, THE JUDAS WHO BETRAYED JESUS CHRIST.
THE LEGENDARY APOSTLE, JUDAS ISCARIOT.
COME ON, JUDAS.
PLEASE DON'T BE SO STUBBORN.

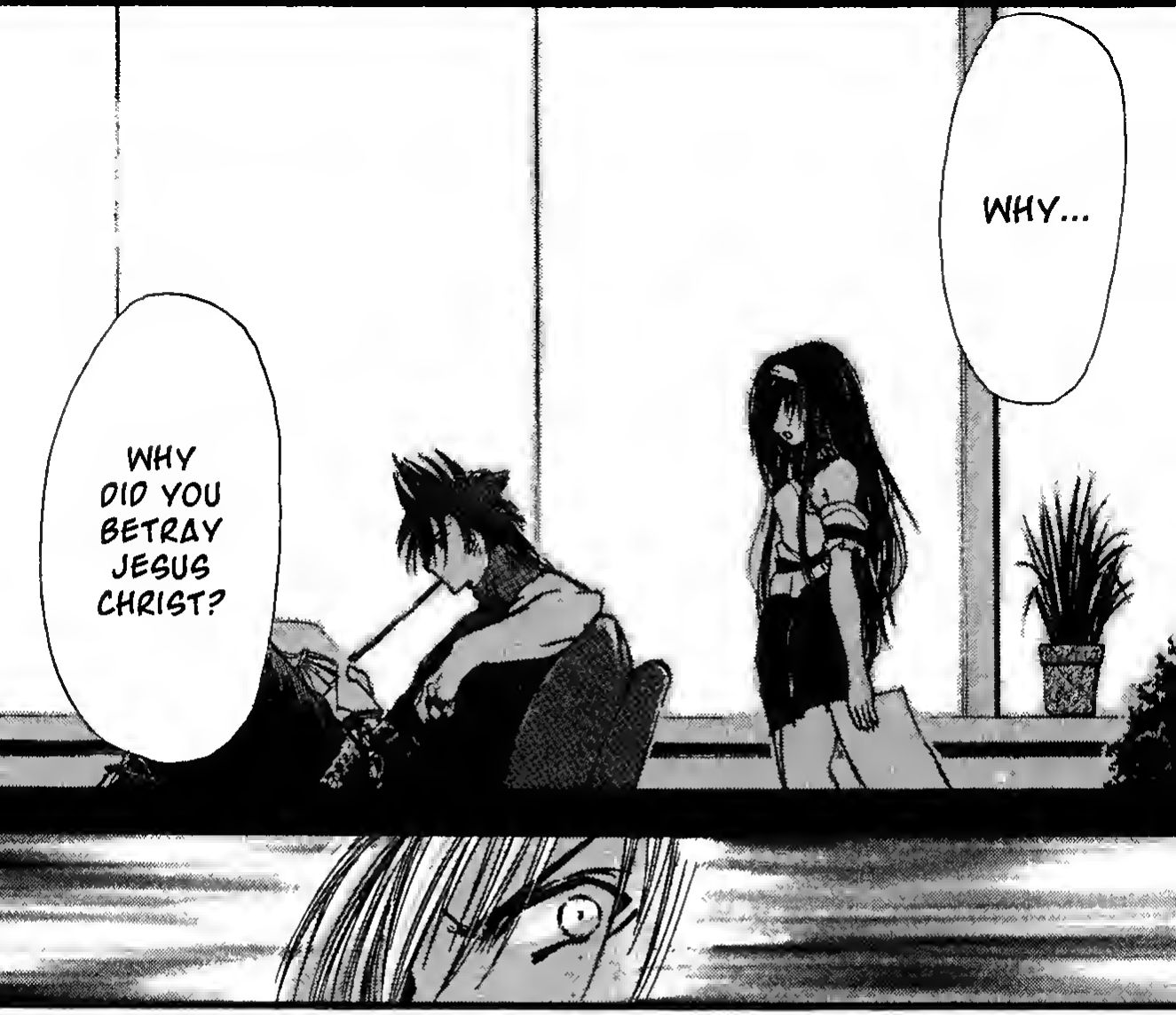

THREE OUT OF THE SEVEN SEALS HAVE BEEN OPENED.
WE CAN'T ALLOW THEM TO BREACH ANOTHER ONE.
WE CAN'T ALLOW THEM TO GET THEIR HANDS ON MATTHEW AND SIMON.

WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE. DON'T YOU?
WE HAVE TO FIND THOSE TWO BEFORE THEY DO...OR ELSE.

M-MIZUKI-SAN...
URM...

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S IT!!
UP UNTIL NOW, I DIDN'T BOTHER ASKING, THINKING THAT YOU HAD YOUR REASONS AND THAT WHEN THE TIME CAME, YOU'D OPEN UP ON YOUR OWN. BUT!!
1) Eden
ginus
TODAY YOU'RE COMING CLEAN!! AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO!!
1) Eden
2) Longinus
3) Matthew and Simon.
ABOUT EVERY-THING!!

FIRST!!
WHAT IS EDEN?!
1) Eden
2) Longinus
SEC-OND!!
AND WHY ARE THEY AFTER IT?!
WHAT IS THE LON-GINUS?!
AND THIRD!!
3) Matthew and Simon



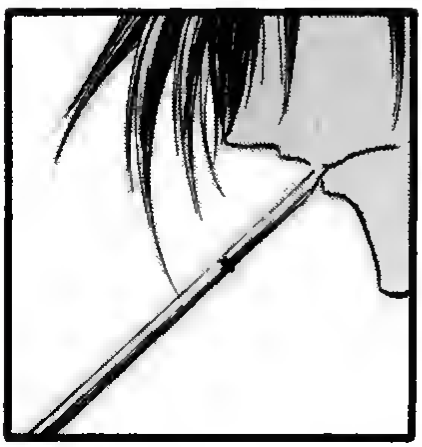
ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, YOU SOLD OUT JESUS CHRIST FOR 30 PIECES OF SILVER.
BUT BACK IN THOSE DAYS, YOU COULD BARELY BUY A SLAVE FOR THAT SORT OF MONEY...
Holy Bible

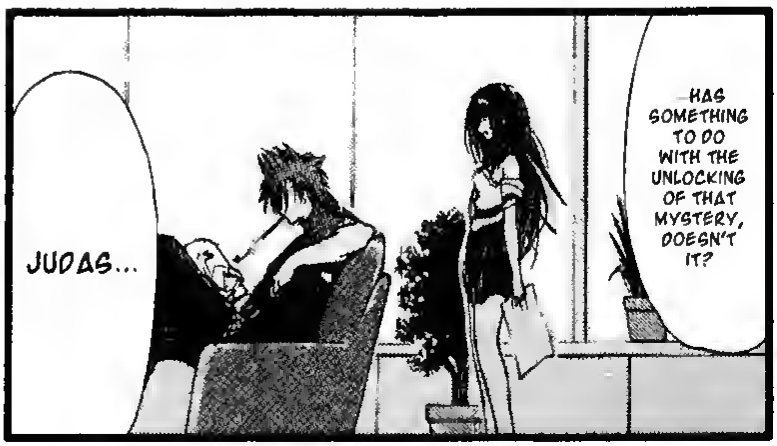
MIZUKI-SAN?
"AND SAID UNTO THEM, WHAT WILL YE GIVE ME, AND I WILL DELIVER HIM UNTO YOU? AND THEY COVENANTED WITH HIM FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER." *

* Matthew 26:15.

THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER WAS ABOUT AS MUCH AS AN AVERAGE LABORER MADE IN A MONTH.
WOULD YOU REALLY HAVE BETRAYED JESUS FOR SUCH A PALTRY SUM?

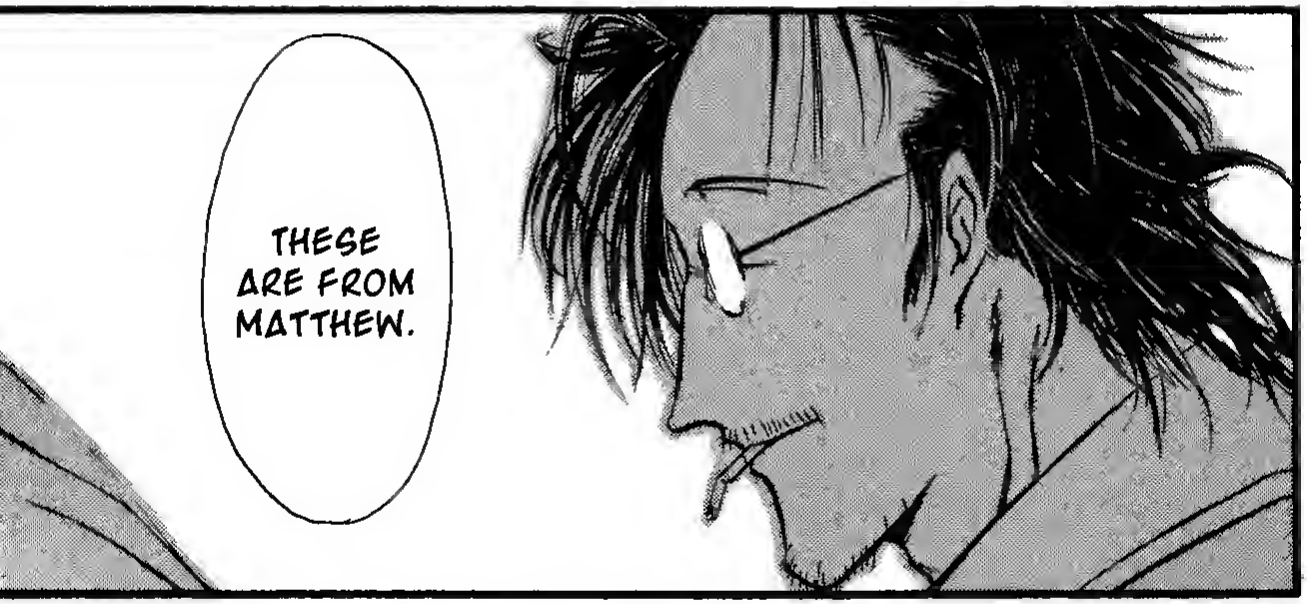
IT'S ONE OF TODAY'S GREATEST MYSTERIES. WHY DID JUDAS ISCARIOT BETRAY JESUS CHRIST?
AND THE REASON YOU DON'T WANT TO GO SEE MATTHEW AND SIMON...




JUDAS...
—HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE UNLOCKING OF THAT MYSTERY, DOESN'T IT?

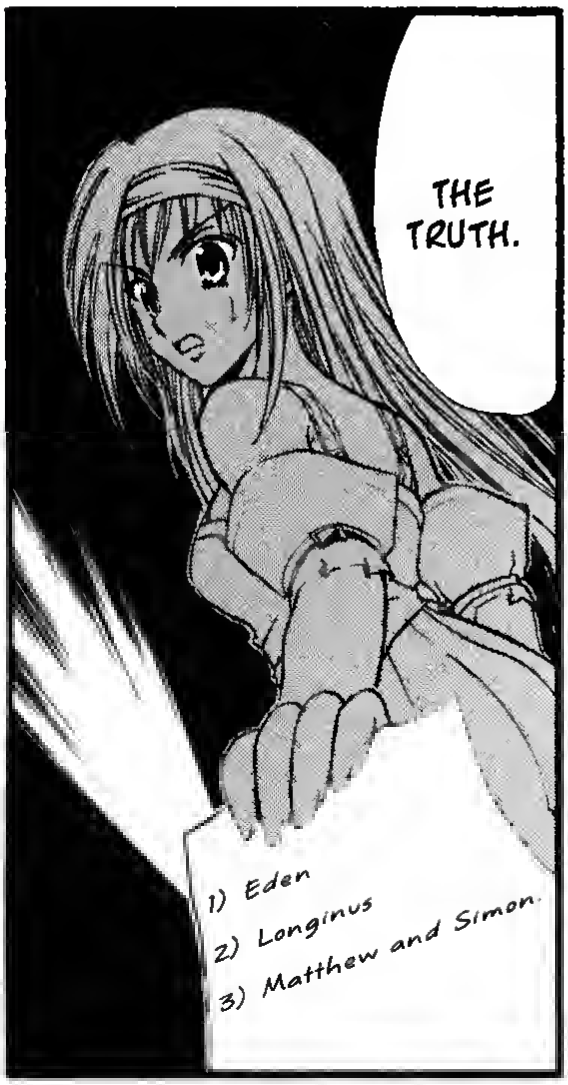
THAT'S CHEATING!!
DAMMIT!!
GET BACK HERE THIS INSTANT!!
JUDAS!!
AH!!
IT'S NOT THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO SEE MATTHEW AND SIMON.
IT'S THAT HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE MATTHEW. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JUDAS?

DOCTOR HIBIKI?


THESE ARE FROM MATTHEW.

HE'S WAITING FOR YOU...
...AT THE GRAVEYARD ON 3RD STREET...

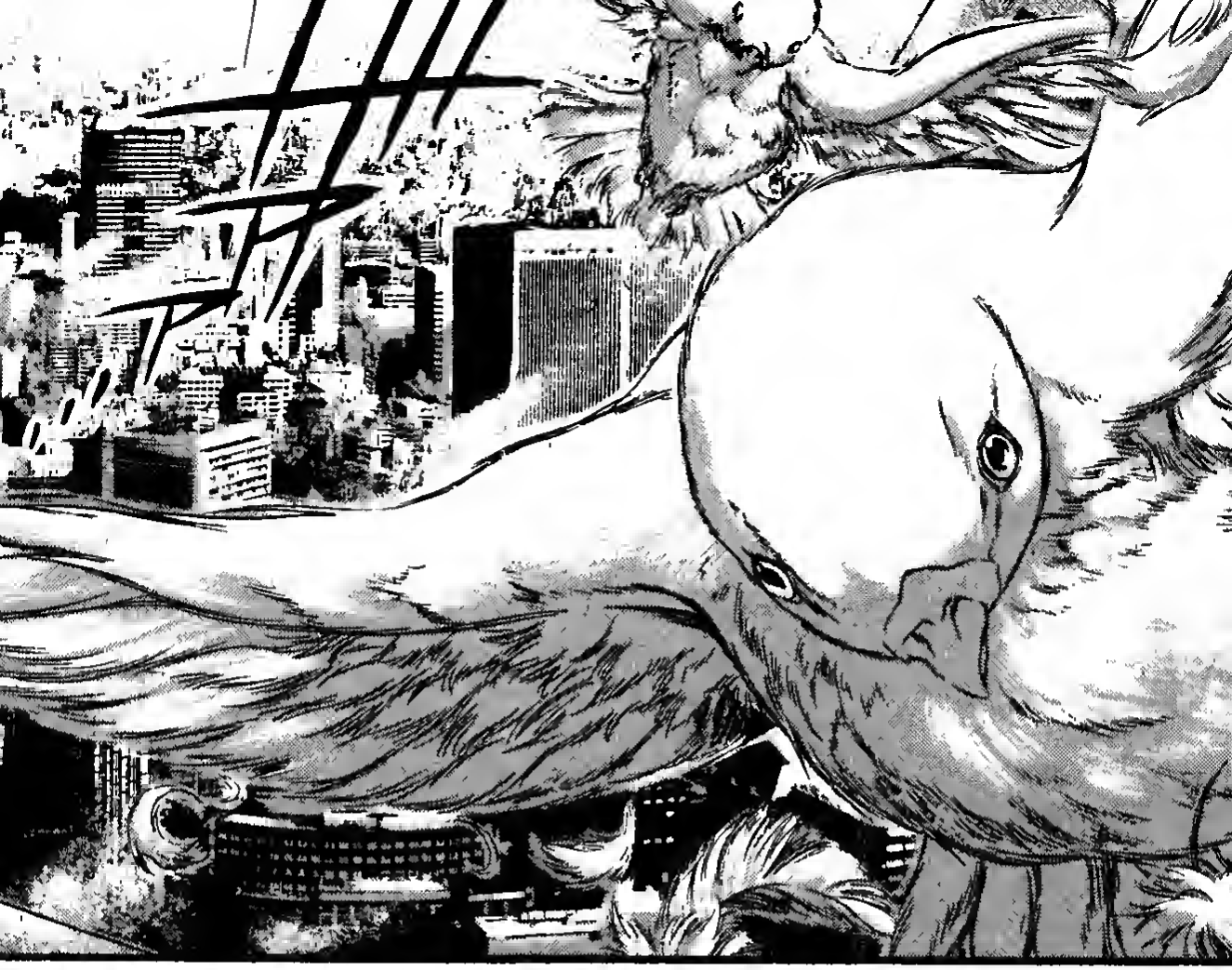
Let's go, Eve.
EH?
AH...

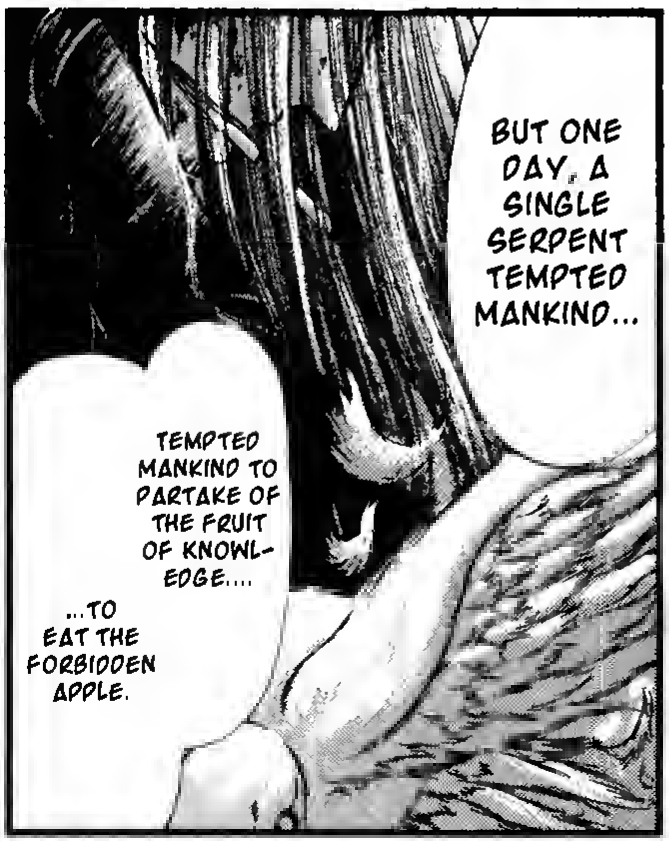

THE TRUTH.
1) Eden
2) Longinus
3) Matthew and Simon.

NO, MIZUKI-KUN.
WAIT, I'LL GO WITH --!!

YOU WANT TO KNOW, DON'T YOU?
YOU STAY HERE.

AND I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
AND WHAT I HAVE TO SAY MAY TAKE A WHILE.
MY NAME IS SIMON OF "TRUTH."
SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND... PUT ON SOME TEA, WOULD YOU?



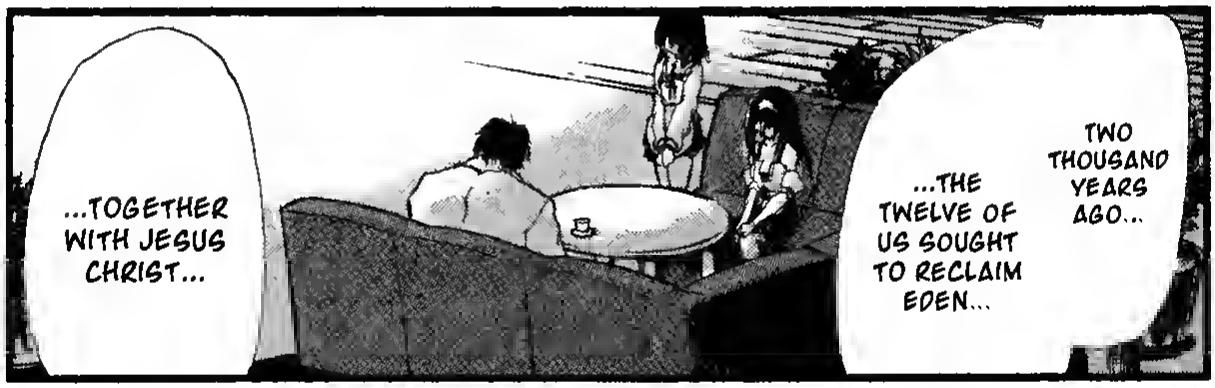

A LONG TIME AGO...
Holy Bible
...MANKIND LIVED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN...

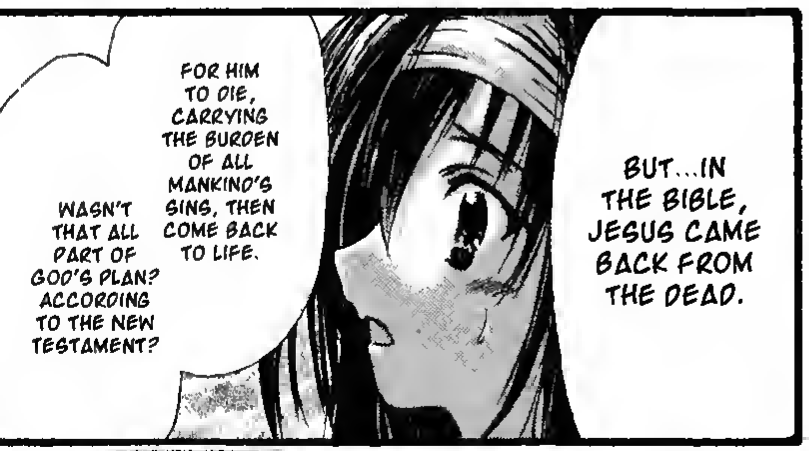
BUT ONE DAY, A SINGLE SERPENT TEMPTED MANKIND...
TEMPTED MANKIND TO PARTAKE OF THE FRUIT OF KNOWLEDGE....
...TO EAT THE FORBIDDEN APPLE.

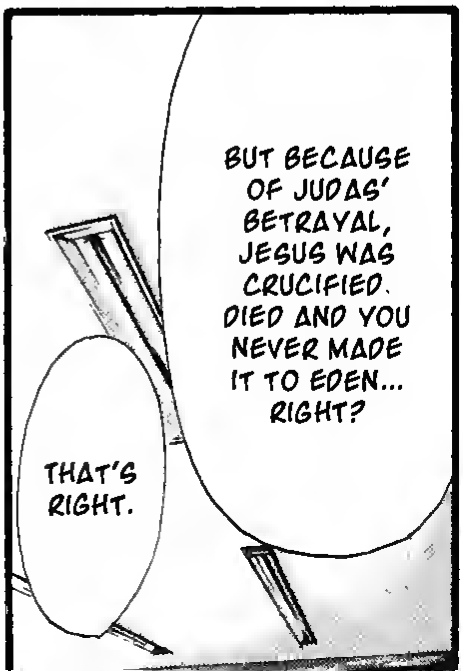
BY DOING SO, MANKIND LEARNED OF GOOD AND EVIL...
AN ACT THAT ANGERED GOD SO MUCH THAT HE BANISHED MANKIND FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN...
...AND CONDEMNED MANKIND TO LIFE ON EARTH!!

SINCE THAT DAY...
...MANKIND WAS FORCED TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD.

A WORLD THAT OVER-FLOWED...
...WITH BETRAYAL!


TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
...THE TWELVE OF US SOUGHT TO RECLAIM EDEN...
...TOGETHER WITH JESUS CHRIST...


BUT...IN THE BIBLE, JESUS CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD.
FOR HIM TO DIE, CARRYING THE BURDEN OF ALL MANKIND'S SINS, THEN COME BACK TO LIFE.
WASN'T THAT ALL PART OF GOD'S PLAN? ACCORDING TO THE NEW TESTAMENT?


BUT BECAUSE OF JUDAS' BETRAYAL, JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED. DIED AND YOU NEVER MADE IT TO EDEN... RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN THE GATES OF EDEN FOR US...
YES...
THING IS, THOUGH... JESUS CHRIST...
SO WHY...
WHY DID YOU BETRAY US?
...NEVER DID COME BACK TO LIFE.

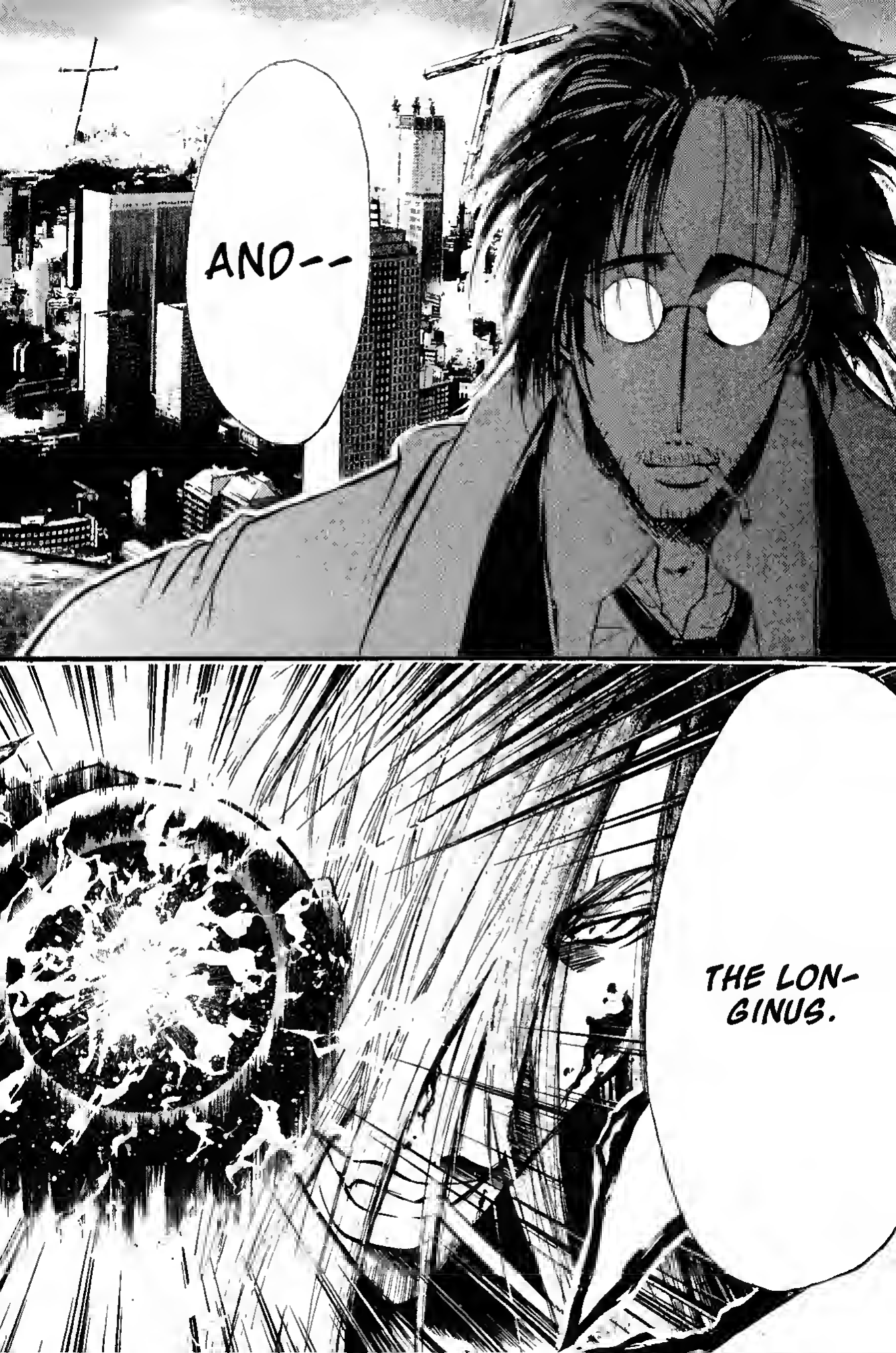
JUDAASSS!

BECAUSE OF YOUR BETRAYAL...
...WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND AN ALTERNATE WAY TO ASCEND TO EDEN!!
2000 YEARS.
huff
huff
2000 LONG YEARS.

AND THAT IS--
IT'S TAKEN 2000 YEARS OF SEARCHING, BUT AT LAST...
...WE'VE FOUND IT. A WAY TO OPEN THE PATH TOWARDS EDEN!!

THE REVELA-TIONS...

...OF JOHN!!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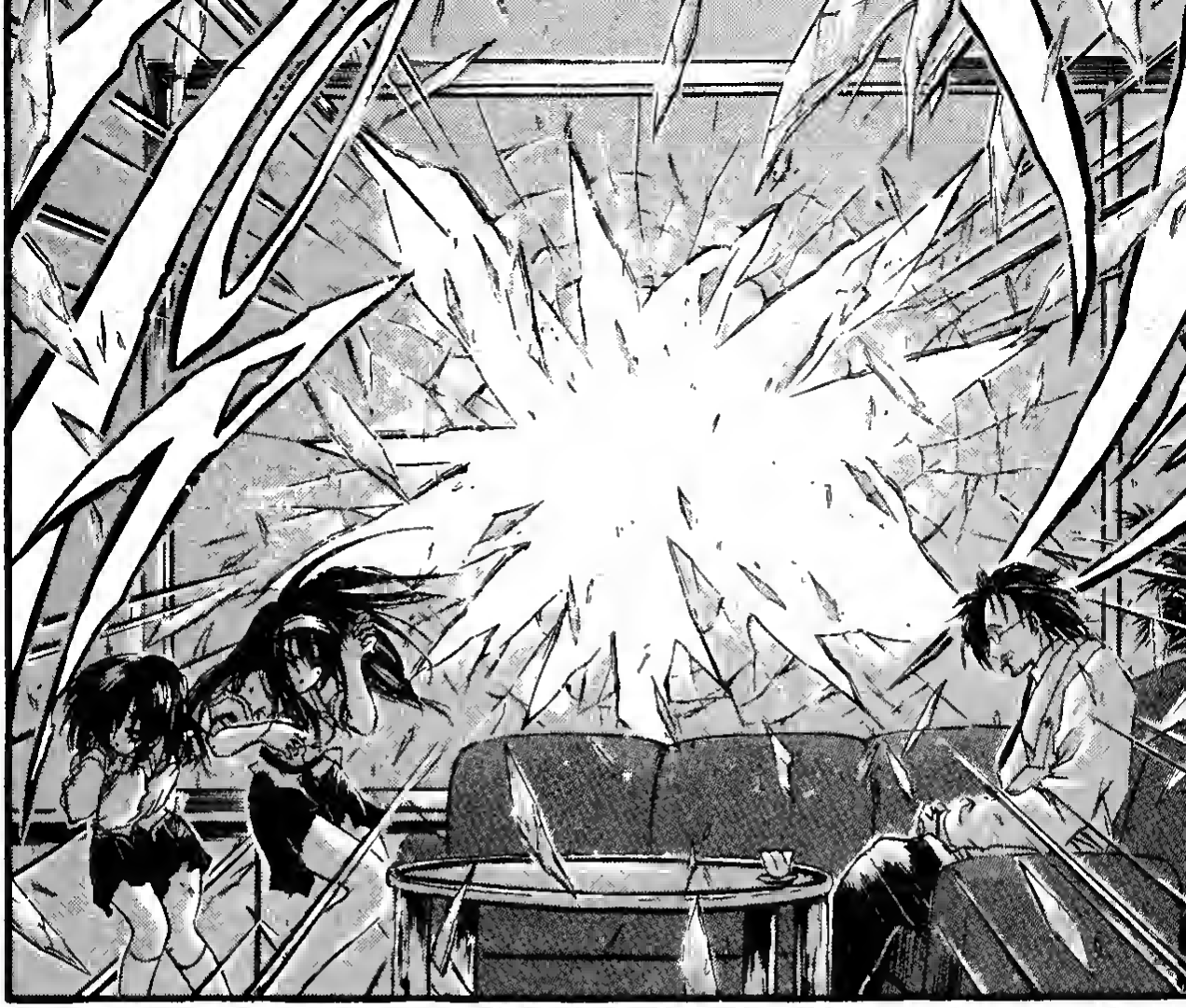
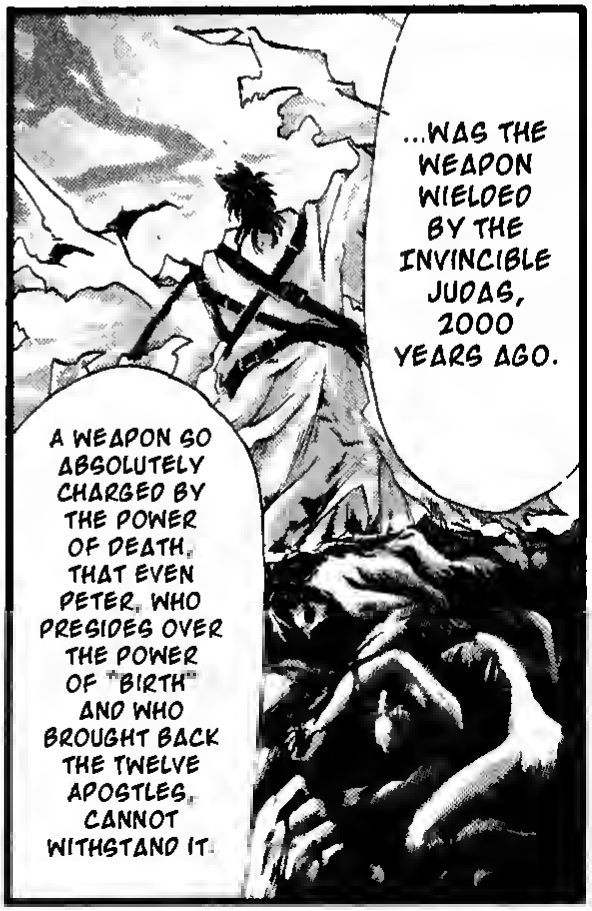
THE LON-
GINUS.



WHAT?!

THE LONGINUS...

WHEN BOTH THE LONGINUS AND THE REVELATIONS OF JOHN COME TOGETHER, EDEN WILL BECOME REALITY.
WHAT...
...DO YOU MEAN?


...WAS THE WEAPON WIELDED BY THE INVINCIBLE JUDAS, 2000 YEARS AGO.
A WEAPON SO ABSOLUTELY CHARGED BY THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT EVEN PETER, WHO PRESIDES OVER THE POWER OF "BIRTH" AND WHO BROUGHT BACK THE TWELVE APOSTLES, CANNOT WITHSTAND IT.

DON'T YOU GET IT?

THE RESUR-RECTION...

...OF
JESUS
CHRIST.

IT SAYS IN THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE REVELATIONS OF JOHN--
WHAT?!
...THE MESSIAH SHALL DESCEND...
"TO A WORLD DESTROYED BY THE SEVEN CALAMITIES...
...IS THE FINAL KEY TO BRING ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
THE LONGINUS...
WHAT THEY SEEK...
...AND ESTABLISH A NEW KINGDOM OF GOD."
EDEN?!

...IS THE LONGINUS-- THE LANCE-- THAT PIERCED...
...THE BODY OF CHRIST....
!!
THEN...!
THAT'S RIGHT. WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE ISN'T THE WHOLE TRUTH-- JESUS CHRIST WASN'T CRUCIFIED AND DID NOT DIE ON THE CROSS...
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS--
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS--

MURDER!!

BY JUDAS' OWN HAND!

WHY?!

WHY?!

NOW THEN...
...LET ME BEGIN MY TALE...
WHY...

OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES ...

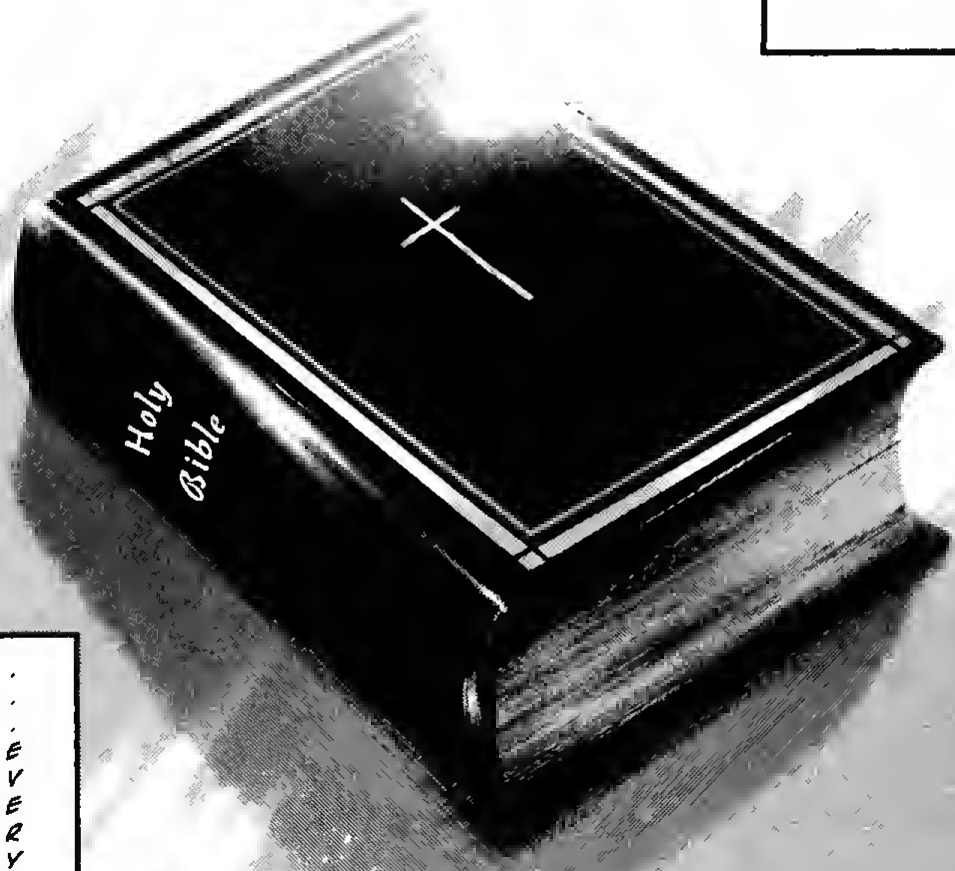
OF WHAT HAPPENED 2000 YEARS AGO...
TO HIM...
OF WHAT HAPPENED 2000 YEARS AGO...

MY NAME IS SIMON OF "TRUTH."
AND I MUST TELL YOU *EVERY-THING*...
JUDAS

MY NAME IS SIMON OF TRUTH.

AND OF WHY JUDAS BETRAYED JESUS CHRIST... OF WHAT HAPPENED 2000 YEARS AGO.

I... MUST TELL YOU...



...EVERYTHING.

BUT...
BEFORE I GO INTO THAT--
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BUT... THERE'S JUST... ONE THING...
...I NEED TO ASK YOU.
YES?
IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL, REALLY...

MIZUKI-KUN.
ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE...
...THAT YOU WANT THE TRUTH?
YES.
I WANT TO KNOW...
...THE TRUTH.
VERY WELL, THEN.

THEN YE SHALL RECEIVE IT!!
MIZUKI-CHAN!!
M-MIZUKI-CHAN?!
?!
BE CAREFUL, MIZUKI-KUN.

KOGIKU--!!
NO MATTER WHAT ACTION YOU TAKE, THE TRUTH WILL NOT CHANGE.
THE COURSE OF TRUTH IS UNSHAKEABLE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
DOCTOR!!

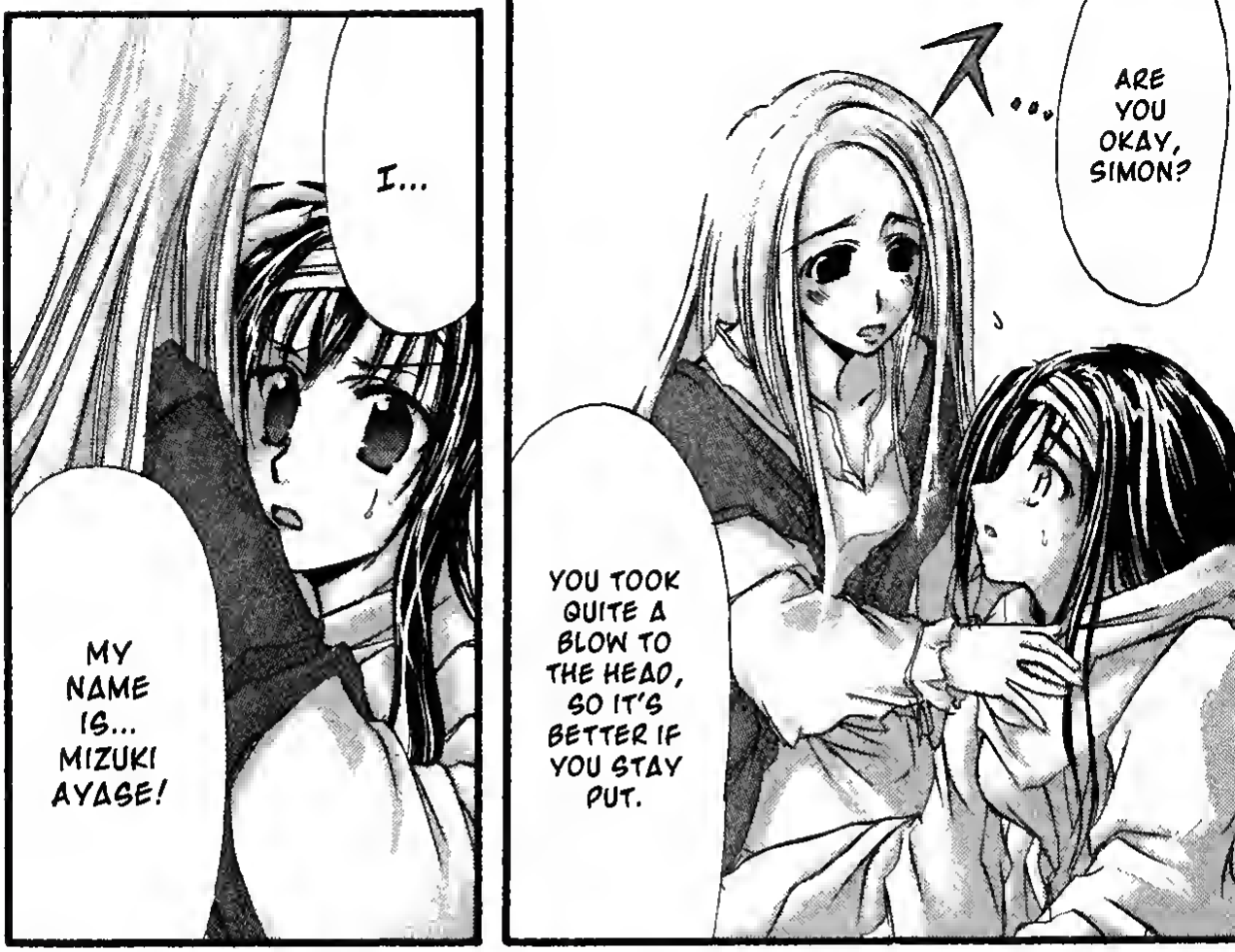
11 The Twelve Apostles

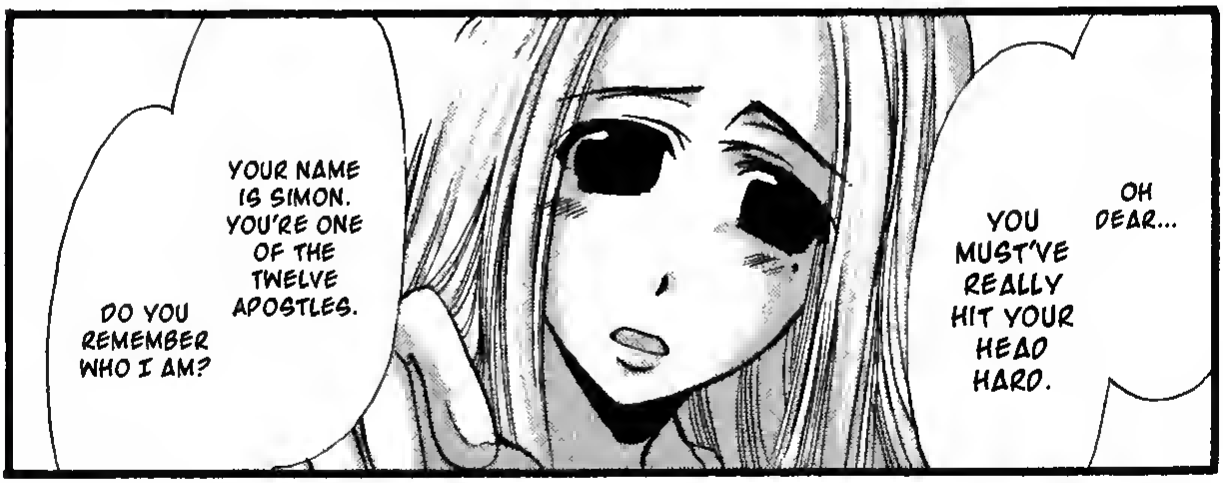
SIMON!!
SIMON...
...MON...
...N...
WAKE UP SIMON!!
HUH...?

KYAAAAH?!

SI...
...MON...?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIMON?


I...
MY NAME IS... MIZUKI AYASE!
...
ARE YOU OKAY, SIMON?
YOU TOOK QUITE A BLOW TO THE HEAD, SO IT'S BETTER IF YOU STAY PUT.


DO YOU REMEMBER WHO I AM?
YOUR NAME IS SIMON. YOU'RE ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.
OH DEAR...
YOU MUST'VE REALLY HIT YOUR HEAD HARD.

...W--
I'M DAVID.
AN APOSTLE, JUST LIKE YOU...

WHAT IS GOING ON?!
Ugh!
Garah!

DAMN THEM! DAMN THOSE CHIEF PRIESTS FROM ROME!
Ugh.
Blarg
THEY FAILED TO CAPTURE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BY FORCE, SO THEY GO AFTER A DEFENSELESS WOMAN INSTEAD?

DON'T YOU SEE THAT THE LORD IS TRYING TO SAVE YOU ALL AS WELL?
AH...

ARE YOU HURT, SIMON?
NO, IT'S BEST YOU DON'T WALK.

LET US GO.
OUR LORD AND THE OTHERS ARE WAITING.
EH...
AH...

WHAT'S THIS? DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME EITHER?
IT'S ME, PETER.
YOU KNOW, THE ONE YOU'RE ALWAYS TEASING AND CALLING A MUSCLE-BOUND FOOL?
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

HOW DISTRESSING...
THEY SAID SIMON DOES NOT REMEMBER A THING.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, SIMON?
I HEARD SOME ROMAN SOLDIERS TOOK A SWING AT YOU!
...DID YOU FORGET ME, TOO?
SIMON...
IT'S ME, MATTHEW... REMEMBER?
YOU USED TO SAY I WAS LIKE A BROTHER TO YOU.
A-HA HA.
SO SMART OL' SIMON'S GONE AND BECOME A BIG DUMMY, HAS HE? ♪
Thomas!!
THAT HURTS!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT BUT...

I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND...
THAT...
SIMON...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

...I'VE GONE 2000 YEARS INTO THE PAST...

TO
THE
TIME
OF THE
BIBLE!!

NOW THEN...
...SINCE WE'RE ALL HERE.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE TO YOU...
...THE FINAL APOSTLE, THE APOSTLE OF "DEATH."
DEATH?!
COME ON OUT, JUDAS.

IT'S THE "EYE OF THE SERPENT."
THE EYE OF THE SER-PENT?

IT'S A LOCAL LEGEND. THAT THOSE WHO BEAR THE EYES OF A SERPENT--
IN OTHER WORDS, THE EYES OF A DEMON-- ARE, IN TURN, POSSESSED BY DEMONS.
THEY MUST NOT BE TOUCHED...

"NOT BE TOUCHED"?
WHY NOT?

IF YOU TOUCH THEM...
...YOU TOO WILL BE POSSESSED BY DEMONS.
STOP SPOUTING NONSENSE, PHILIP.

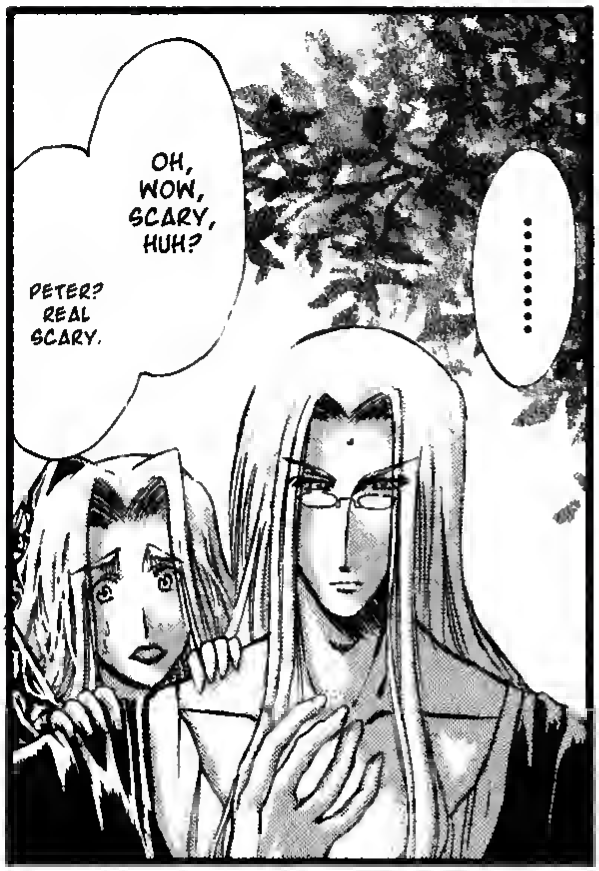
HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY BE BAD?!
OUR LORD BROUGHT HIM TO US.

PETER!!

MY NAME IS PETER.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

YOU'VE ...
...NEVER KILLED A MAN BEFORE, HAVE YOU?

!.....
WHA...
STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!!
YOU BASTARD!!


OH, WOW, SCARY, HUH?
PETER? REAL SCARY.
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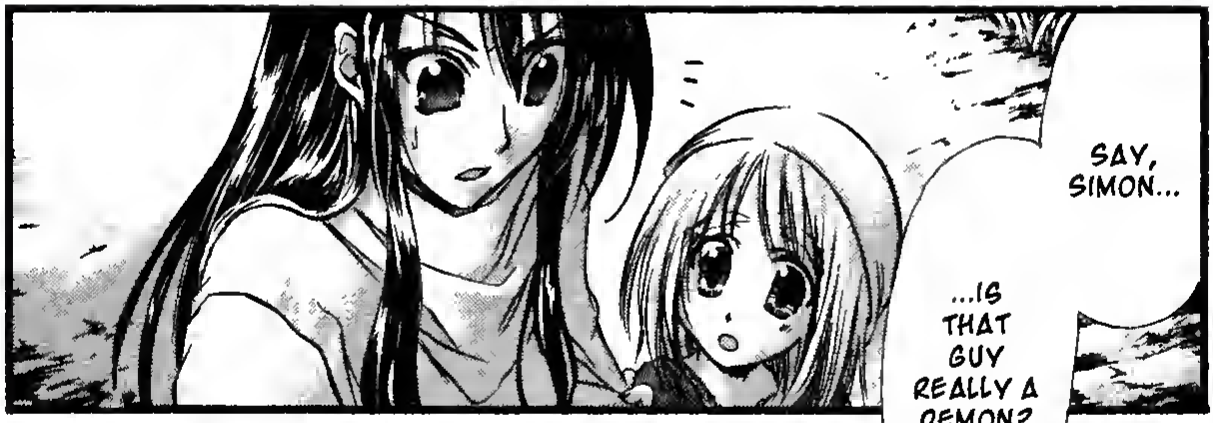

SAY, SIMON...
...IS THAT GUY REALLY A DEMON?

SO ...
YOU THINK I'M A DEMON, EH?

WHY DON'T YOU TOUCH ME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF?
COME ON.
HEH HEH...
JUST AS I THOUGHT. YOU JUST DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO DO IT.
BUT DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOT ANYTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.
GO AHEAD AND THINK WHATEVER YOU WANT.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES...MY PARENTS, THE PEOPLE IN MY VILLAGE... THEY ALL ABANDONED ME OUT OF FEAR OF MY EYES.
SO DON'T BE ASHAMED AT ALL.
BUT ...!!
IF YOU WANNA CALL ME A DEMON...
...THEN I FEEL OBLIGED TO BECOME A REAL DEMON FOR YOU!!!

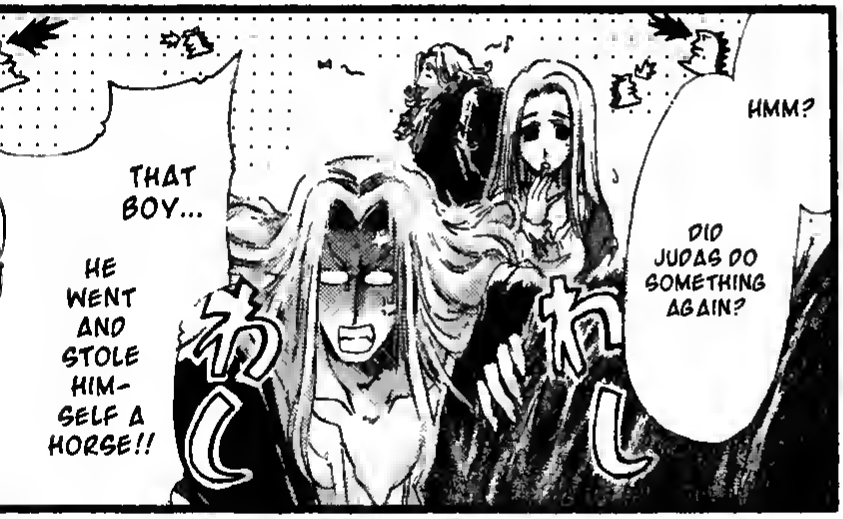
UGH!
WHAAAA?!
HOW WAS THAT?
I TOUCHED YOU.
huff
YOU BASTARD!!

H--
HEY!!

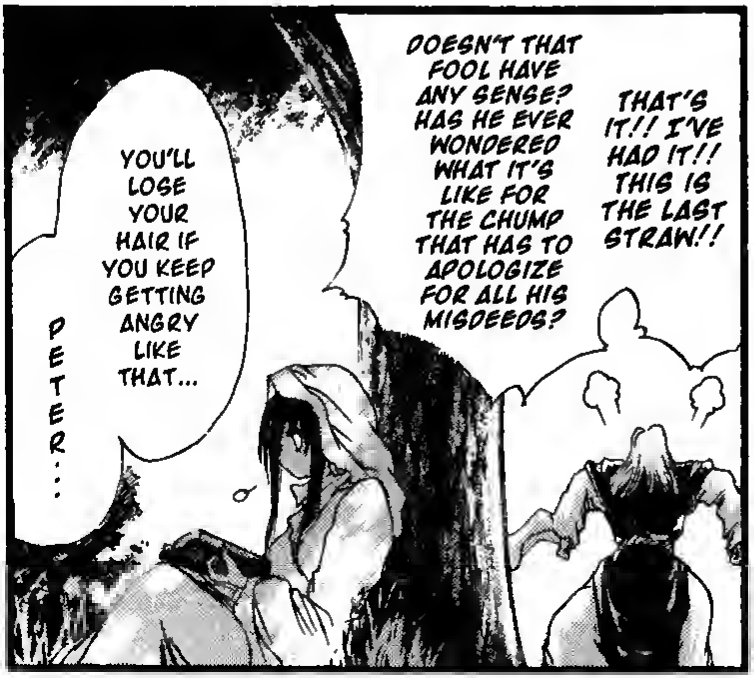
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY...
...HE KNOWS HOW TO EXPRESS HIMSELF.
STOP THAT!! BOTH OF YOU!!
WHY...
...WON'T HE STOP FIGHT-ING?

IT'S FAST!!
SOOOOO FAST!!
THREE YEARS LATER...
WHOA!!
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS, MATTHEW?
IT'S CALLED A "HORSE"!!
J-
JUDAS!!
HOW DO YOU EVER MANAGE TO GET ONE OF...
AAAACK!!

HMMM...
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY...I BORROWED IT!!
HA HA HA HA HA!!
WAI--!
YOU MEAN YOU... YOU STOLE IT--!
OH, DON'T WORRY! I'LL GIVE IT BACK WHEN I'M DONE WITH IT--


HMM?
DID JUDAS DO SOMETHING AGAIN?
THAT BOY...
HE WENT AND STOLE HIM-SELF A HORSE!!

JUDAS!!
WHERE'S JUDAS?!


THAT'S IT!! I'VE HAD IT!! THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!!
DOESN'T THAT FOOL HAVE ANY SENSE? HAS HE EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR THE CHUMP THAT HAS TO APOLOGIZE FOR ALL HIS MISDEEDS?
YOU'LL LOSE YOUR HAIR IF YOU KEEP GETTING ANGRY LIKE THAT...
PETER...

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER, PETER?
OH!
MY LORD! IT'S JUDAS! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN!!
LEAVE HIM BE...
I HAVE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO DISCUSS WITH ALL OF YOU.
EH...?
TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
MY LORD?
I WILL NOW BESTOW UPON YOU ALL, THE POWERS OF THE TWELVE.

GO OUT AND FIGHT.
AN ANCIENT ADVERSARY STIRS.
JUDAS...
JUDAS!!
WE SHOULD BE HEADING BACK SOON!!
OR PETER'S GOING TO BE ANGRY AGAIN!!
NAH, I'LL PASS.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST ANOTHER SERMON, ANYWAY.
JUST LEMME SLEEP A BIT LONGER.

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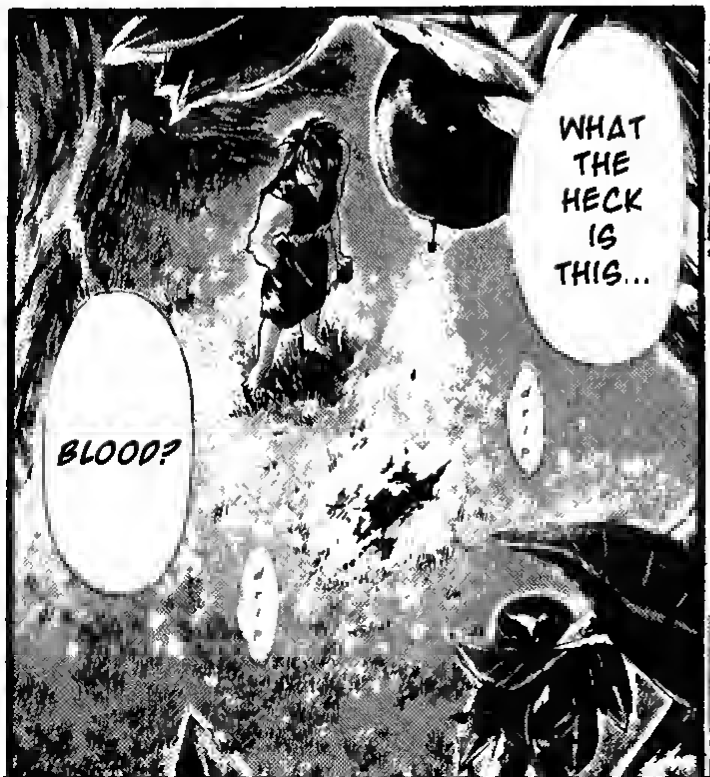
Ehe..

SUIT YOURSELF, THEN!!
FINE.

MAN, IT'S SUCH A NICE DAY...
AHHH...


WHAT THE HECK IS THIS...
BLOOD?
TRIP
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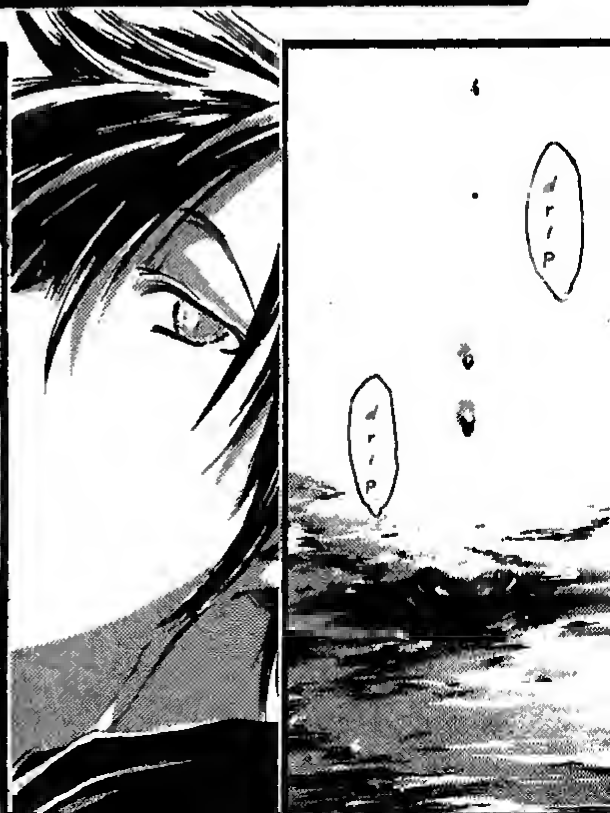
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WH--
WHAT THE HELL?!
W--
WHAT IS THIS...

AAARRRGH!

CHOMP
CHOMP
JACOB...
ANDREW...
BARTHOLOMEW!!

WHAT...
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!

HELP!
RUN, MATTHEW.
HURRY...
GO RECEIVE YOUR POWERS.
AH...
AH...
RUN TO OUR LORD!!

HELP...
HELP US, JUDAS...
RR RAA AA AH!
JUDAAAAASSSSS!!

WHO THE HELL...
...ARE YOU?
.....

EVE
TO BE CONTINUED NEXT!

JUDAS
SEATH